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PROPERTY SALES & LETTINGS



**tips for keeping your
property secure**

security **inside** your home

- **Check that all windows and doors are locked** before going to bed, leaving home, or spending time in your garden;
- **Never leave keys in windows or door locks.** Keep them out of site and away from doors, windows and letterboxes;
- **Hide expensive equipment**, such as mobile phones and laptops, from view. When installing a TV, try to position it so that it is difficult to see from the outside of your home;
- **Keep your valuables in a safe place** and out of sight;
- **Take photographs of your valuables** and security mark them with your postcode and house number. This can help deter thieves and can help the police to recover stolen items;
- **Set a timer to switch your lights on and off** at varying intervals when you're out to make it look like someone is home.

security **outside** your home

- **Store garden tools and ladders securely in your shed or garage**, as these can be used to break into your home;
- **Do not hide a spare key outside** as burglars know where to look.

going **on holiday**

- **Use time controller plugs** with your lamps to make your home look occupied;
- **Don't talk about your holiday** when you're near strangers;
- **Ask a trusted neighbour** to keep an eye on your property;
- Remember to **cancel any milk and newspaper deliveries.**