

Leaving the house? Have you checked your...



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| 1. |  | WINDOWS | Have you closed and locked all windows? <i>Intruders can gain entry via the smallest of gaps so always keep windows closed and, ideally, locked. This applies to windows on all floors, not just at ground level.</i> |
| 2. |  | VALUABLES | Have you moved valuables out of sight? <i>Many burglaries are opportunistic in nature so leaving laptops, phones, jewellery, iPads etc on view could be enough to convince them to risk it. Move these items out of sight and ideally locked away in a safe if possible.</i> |
| 3. |  | ALARM | Have you set the burglar alarm? <i>While it may seem like an obvious thing to do, it is estimated that 34% of those with a burglar alarm don't always bother to set it. If you have it, use it! This applies whether you're going on holiday or just nipping out.</i> |
| 4. |  | DOORS | Have you locked the door? <i>Who would leave the house without locking the door? Well, 30% of burglaries happen via an insecure door or window so perhaps more than you think!</i> |
| 5. |  | GARAGE / OUTBUILDING | Have you locked any garage or outbuildings? <i>Not only could your garage or outbuildings be a target due to the items in there that could be stolen, such as bikes or lawnmowers, they could also be looking for things that could help them break into your home such as ladders or tools.</i> |
| 6. |  | GARDEN | Have you locked the garden up? <i>It's a good idea to install a gate with a lock to prevent people accessing your garden. If gardens are easy to get into some burglars will quite happily let themselves in to check out access points to your house or steal items from the garden itself.</i> |

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