

**Tip 1:** Keep doors locked even when you're at home.

**Why?:** 30% of burglaries happen while people are in the house



**Tip 2:** Don't show off your travels on **SOCIAL MEDIA**.

**Why?:** 60% of burglars use social media to target unoccupied houses

**Tip 3:** Set your burglar alarm when you go to bed.

**Why?:** 60% of burglaries take place between 6pm-6am

**Tip 4:** Do set your own **BURGLAR ALARM CODE**.

**Why?:** Burglars often know factory set manufacturer's codes

**Tip 5:** Don't 'nip out' and leave your home **UNSECURE** for even a short time.

**Why?:** The average burglar only requires 8-12minutes

**Tip 6:** Don't leave **PURSES, WALLETS** and **MONEY** on show.

**Why?:** These are the items most sought after by burglars

**Tip 7:** Don't assume you can't have a burglar alarm if you have a pet.

**Why?:** Most alarms can be fitted with **PET SENSORS**

**Tip 8:** Close your curtains as soon as it gets **DARK**.

**Why?:** Burglars will look through windows for items worth stealing

**Tip 9:** Don't stash valuables in **DRAWERS** or **WARDROBES**.

**Why?:** Over 40% of people do this and it's the first place a burglar looks

**Tip 10:** Get a burglar alarm.

**Why?:** A home without one is 300% more likely to be burgled

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**Tip 11:** Don't leave car keys on show.

**Why?:** Burglars will often break in just to steal your **CAR**

**Tip 12:** Secure the **BACK DOOR** before answering the **FRONT**.

**Why?:** Someone can sneak in at the back while you're distracted

**Tip 13:** Have more security than your **NEIGHBOURS**.

**Why?:** Burglars will always choose the easiest house to break into

**Tip 14:** Be extra vigilant around **BONFIRE NIGHT**.

**Why?:** Burglaries increase by 22% on 5<sup>th</sup> November

**Tip 15:** Set your own **LOGIN DETAILS** for CCTV systems.

**Why?:** Keeping factory settings increase the risk of being hacked

**Tip 16:** Keep **SHEDS** and **GARAGES** locked.

**Why?:** Burglars will steal bikes etc but may also use tools to break into the house

**Tip 17:** Make sure **DOGS** are secure in the garden.

**Why?:** Dogs are increasingly targeted for theft for selling, breeding and fighting

**Tip 18:** Install security lighting.

**Why?:** Burglars like the cover of **DARKNESS** so will be deterred by motion sensor lighting

**Tip 19:** Don't leave **CALENDARS** on view through the window.

**Why?:** Burglars may be able to see when you won't be home

**Tip 20:** Consider installing a **GRAVEL DRIVE**.

**Why?:** A gravel drive makes it harder to approach the house unheard

**Tip 21:** Don't leave **NOTES** for deliveries/milkman saying you're out.

**Why?:** If they can read them so can a burglar

**Tip 22:** If you have an alarm, use it.

**Why?:** **HOME INSURANCE** may be invalidated if it's based on having an alarm

**Tip 23:** If you have **ANALOGUE** CCTV, consider upgrading to **IP**.

**Why?:** The quality is much better and you can use existing wiring

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**Tip 24:** Have **ANTI-SNAP LOCKS** fitted.

**Why?:** 25% of break ins are conducted using lock snapping

**Tip 25:** Set up **TIMERS** for lights and curtains when you're away.

**Why?:** They can make your home look occupied

**Tip 26:** Install an **INTERCOM**.

**Why?:** You can see who is at the door before you open it. Especially good for older people

**Tip 27:** Ensure your alarm is **SSAIB** approved.

**Why?:** Because it meets high industry standards that you can trust

**Tip 28:** 'Case' your own home, looking at it as a burglar would.

**Why?:** The best way to protect your home is to **THINK LIKE A BURGLAR**

**Tip 29:** Install a safe.

**Why?:** Burglars know your **HIDING PLACES** but they can't get into a safe

**Tip 30:** Keep track of all **SPARE KEYS**.

**Why?:** If you have given spares to neighbours, tradespeople or other your security is vulnerable

**Tip 31:** NEVER leave a spare key hidden **OUTSIDE**.

**Why?:** Burglars will look around common hiding places