

## 3 STEP PROTECT



Protect your  
valuables



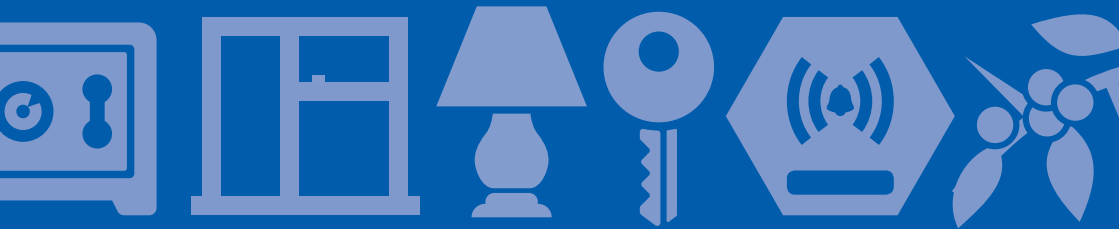
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outside

# Follow the burglary prevention top tips

- Burglaries increase during the week with fewer, on average, at the weekend
- Burglars are most active between 12:00 and 21:00 hrs
- Many burglaries are opportunistic – burglars take advantage of open/unlocked doors and windows
- Burglars often target the same home again



**Keep your home safe by following 3 step protect:  
valuables, building, outside.**



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# Follow 3 Step Protect to keep your home safe

## Protect your valuables

- Don't advertise your goods. Always keep valuables like tablets and laptops out of sight from windows and store keys away from the letterbox.
- Make your valuables less attractive to thieves by using a property or police approved forensic marking solution only visible under Ultraviolet (UV) light. **www.met.police.uk/burglary**
- Consider using safe storage providers for high value items; alternatively a home safe.

## Safeguard your building

- Lock all windows and double lock doors when you go out, even if it's only for a few minutes.
- Make your home look occupied: use timer lights when the nights get longer, and cancel deliveries if you're going away.
- Install a burglar alarm. These are proven to deter thieves.
- Make sure your locks are strong enough to keep burglars out.

## Secure your outside

- Keep gates, sheds and garages locked and don't leave tools lying around as they can be used to break in.
- Keep hedges at the front low and install outdoor lighting, so burglars have nowhere to hide.
- Install trellises and spiky plants to stop burglars from climbing over fences.

For more advice visit **www.met.police.uk/burglary**  
To report crime visit **www.met.police.uk** or call 101.  
In an emergency always dial **999**.