

Protect your home

Don't be a victim of burglary,
take steps NOW to keep your
property safe

CALL THE
POLICE

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IN AN EMERGENCY
ALWAYS CALL 999

PSP

Policing & Community
Safety Partnerships

making our community safer

Find out more by calling the police and asking for
your Crime Prevention Officer or Local Policing
Team or contact the PCSP through your local council



Keeping People Safe

Approximately one third of domestic burglaries across Northern Ireland are committed because home owners leave doors and windows open or unlocked.

To lessen your chance of falling victim to burglary we suggest the following advice:

Do not leave keys in the front or back doors, even if the doors are locked. Burglars have been known to simply break glass in the door, reach in and turn the key to gain entry.

Close and lock windows and doors at night or when the house is unoccupied. If your doors or windows are not secure, neither is your home so do not make it an easy target for criminals. It can only take minutes for a burglar to spot an opportunity.

Never leave a spare key in a convenient hiding place or in a door lock. Burglars know all of the usual places.

It is also wise to keep valuables out of sight. A safe is a good investment for the security of precious items such as jewellery, credit cards or financial documents.

Security mark all your valuables. Use a UV pen or a forensic marking kit. Mark items with your postcode and house number. This can deter thieves and help police return items when found. Taking photographs of all valuables, eg jewellery, ornaments etc this can also help identify you as the rightful owner if your items are recovered.

Consider installing a home security system. An alarm can be part set or zoned to cover areas that you are not occupying while at home.

Security lighting around the perimeter of your property can also act as a deterrent.

Lock garages and sheds and do not leave garden or sports equipment lying around.

Give your property an 'occupied' look when you are out of the house by making use of timer switches to turn on lamps that would normally be on if you were at home.

For further guidance on home security:
www.securedbydesign.com
www.psni.police.uk/index/crime-prevention

Bogus Callers

Before opening your front door to any caller, make sure your back door and any accessible windows are secure. Put your door chain on. (If you don't have one we recommend you get one).

If the person claims to represent a business or organisation, ask them for ID and check it carefully (still with the door chain on).

Genuine tradesmen should carry a photographic identification card and won't mind showing it to you.

FREE PHONE
0800 013 22 90



The **QUICK CHECK** scheme can be used to check the identity of callers.

Call Freephone **0800 013 22 90** and an operator can quickly check with a range of service providers that the person at the door is a genuine representative.