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Make your home a difficult target.

Inside your home

- Make it difficult for your valuables to be taken.
- Check who's at the door and don't open it if you feel anxious.
- Leave some lights on or consider using plug timers if it will be dark before you get home.
- Store keys, including your car keys, out of sight and away from the front door area.
- Hide wallets, identity cards, passports and cash.
- Mark or etch your property with your postcode, house, flat number or the first three letters of your house name.
- Take photographs of your valuable items such as jewellery.
- Register items with serial numbers such as mobile phones, games consoles, bikes and watches at: www.immobilise.com

Outside your home

- Install good outside lighting.
- Scale back hedges or fences that prevent people seeing your home.
- Lock doors and windows every time you leave the house, even when you are in the garden.

- Cancel milk or other deliveries if you are planning on being away from home.
- Ask a neighbour, friend or relative to keep an eye on your property if you are going away.
- Keep ladders and gardening tools locked away to prevent them being used to gain entry to your home.
- Secure bikes by locking them to an immovable object inside a locked shed or garage. Install a burglar alarm that can be seen on the outside of your property.

On your street

- Be a good neighbour and check on your neighbours' properties if they are away.
- Remove any letters or deliveries from the letterbox or doorway.
- Clear snow to your neighbours' doors, or walk on their paths if they are away - footprints will make the house appear occupied.
- Burglars look for the best house to target, so report anyone acting suspiciously.
- Consider setting up or joining a Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

For more information please contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team or visit: www.derbyshire.police.uk