

Burglars are active in your area



- When you go out, even for a short time, **always** lock all doors and close and lock the windows.
- Window locks and inexpensive window alarms, especially on older windows, will help deter a burglar. (A burglar is less likely to break in if they have to smash a window).
- If you have deadlocks, **use them**. They make it harder for a thief to get out again. But **don't** leave the key near the door in an obvious place.
- **Don't** leave keys in locks or visible from the outside. Keep all keys, including car keys out of sight in the house. A burglar will smash a window if he can reach the key to unlock the window.
- **Avoid** advertising your new valuables to thieves by leaving the empty packaging outside your home. Recycle it or keep it out of sight until the day your rubbish is collected.
- **Don't** 'hide' spare keys outside or in a garage or shed.
- Use timers for lights and radios if you are away from home overnight. They will create the impression that someone is in.



**DON'T MAKE YOUR HOME AN
EASY TARGET FOR THIEVES**