Look out for your neighbours

By working together as a community, we can deter the burglar. Good neighbours will look out for each other, reporting suspicious behaviour to Gardaí. Get to know your neighbours, learn their routine... look out for each other.

What to do if you have been burgled

As soon as you are aware that you have been the victim of a burglary and/or property has been stolen:

• Report the incident to your local Garda Station
• Contact your bank/building society/credit card company to cancel any bank or credit cards you think may be missing.
• Contact your insurers.

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Home security

With a few simple steps and a little planning your home security can be greatly improved:

ALWAYS ensure all doors and windows are locked at all times.
ALWAYS set your home alarm.
ALWAYS keep car keys out of sight and away from the front door.
ALWAYS use timers to switch lights on – these can also be used to turn on the radio.
ALWAYS put the exterior lights on.
If on holidays, ALWAYS ask a neighbour to park in your driveway.

NEVER leave door keys in the lock.
NEVER leave door keys ‘hidden’ outside.
NEVER allow post to gather inside the door while away from the home.
NEVER leave valuables visible.

Crime Prevention Advice

Detailed Crime Prevention Advice is available on www.garda.ie

In the event of a burglary please call 999 or 112

Prevention is better than cure

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How safe is your home?

This information booklet will provide some useful tips on how to maximise the security of your home. Taking some simple home security precautions everyday can improve the protection of your home and provide greater peace of mind.

The most common threat to your home is burglary. Although burglaries may appear random, the Garda Síochána Analysis Service have shown that a selection process is used by the burglar.

Their selection process is simple:
• unoccupied home
• easy access
• large amount of cover
• good escape route.

When a neighbour’s home has been burgled, the risk of further burglaries in the area increases. Although this risk is low, please be aware.

Many of the steps that you can take are a matter of common sense but in the everyday hustle and bustle of things we tend to forget. It is important that we all remain vigilant to stay on top of the small things that help to not only keep our home safe, but also keep you and your family safe as well.

When is your home most at risk?

The majority of home and apartment burglaries occur during the daytime when residents are away at work. With the onset of winter time, come further possibilities for burglars, allowing them to operate under the protection of darkness.

The diagram across highlights the times when your home is most at risk during winter months.

Did you know?

1. Most crimes happen because someone gave a criminal an opportunity to act.
2. Little planning goes into most burglaries.
3. No neighbourhood is safe from crime.
4. Most home burglaries occur in the daytime.
5. Most burglars enter through unlocked doors or windows.
6. It takes less that two minutes for the average burglar to get into your home.
7. If you can delay his entry for just three minutes, most burglars will give up and leave.
8. Just the risk of being seen or heard will deter most burglars.
9. A cooperative program such as Neighborhood Watch is a strong deterrent to crime.
10. Most burglars will not enter an occupied home.