

# An Garda Síochána

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## An Garda Síochána Information Sheet

### Community Garda Presence.

Gardaí from the Community Policing Unit at Coolock Garda Station will attend the Dublin City Council Office at Clongriffin each Wednesday morning from 10.30am to 11.30am to deal with local Neighbourhood and Community issues.



*Garda Emma Bell is your local Community Garda.*

The Gardaí are available to answer any queries you may have and give advice as necessary. Home Security is a topical issue and we are pleased to give the following tips, which may all householders to defer crime and protect their property. First of all a few tips on vehicle security: -

### Vehicle Security

- Never leave valuables on display while vehicle is unattended.
- Always lock and secure your vehicle.
- Don't hide spare keys in vehicle they can be found.
- Never leave keys in engine or engine running.

- Secure retractable aerials before leaving the vehicle.
- Property to be secured in boot before reaching destination.

## **Home Security Intruder Alarms.**

### **Why install an intruder alarm system?**

It is widely accepted that intruder alarms are an effective deterrent against Burglary, thereby helping to reduce the likelihood of your home being targeted. However it is important to understand that an intruder alarm is not a replacement for good physical security. It should rather be regarded as a backup to good physical and other security measures and precautions to protect your home. Regarding security systems advice should be sought from Alarm and Insurance Companies to for correct procedures to be followed.

### ***Home Security Checklist Challenge.***

- Doors and Windows.
- Have a door chain or limiter fitted.
- Lock internal doors when away from home no matter how short you are away.
- Lock doors of Garden shed and keep all items out of view.
- Have additional door locks fitted.
- Close and lock all outside sheds and garages.
- Secure all windows. Check all windows are secure before you leave your home.
- Avoid leaving cash or valuables around house while unoccupied. Install a safe in home.
- Keep car keys, house keys secure and not visible from windows in your home.
- Timer light installed.

### ***Home Security Gardens and Landscaping.***

Your perimeter or boundary wall is your first line of defence. This includes your walls, fences, gates and hedges. A barrier consisting of a dense prickly hedge running along your perimeter / boundary wall is well worth considering maybe use a Pernettya Climbing, Holly, Firethorn, Hawthorn, Blackthorn or Shrub Roses bushes are also very good. Do not leave machinery tools or implements laying around your property as they could be used to force entry into your home.

### ***Home Security Lighting.***

Lighting is divided into two categories. Exterior and Interior.

It is very important that the light is positioned and directed correctly. If the light is positioned higher up the wall and out of easy reach of intruders it can be directed to where it can be best used. This allows less light shining on neighbouring property and out of focus towards the sky. Install a motion sensor light activated system.

### ***Points to remember.***

- Avoid the creation of shadows on dark areas.
- Position the lights out of reach of trespassers.
- Direct the beam appropriately.
- Consider your neighbours.
- Avoid light pollution.
- Curtains and Blinds.

If property is vacant a trusted neighbour should be used to routinely open and close curtains and blinds and to alternate the switching on and off of lights on the property.