

Advice from Hampshire Police

Most burglaries are committed by opportunists.

A criminal may pick a house that looks unoccupied, has left a window or back-gate open or has little or no obvious security.

These are often spur-of-the-moment decisions, made when they see valuables left on view or lapses in security. Car keys, left somewhere obvious can also be an attractive target.

As such, we wanted to offer local residents some crime prevention advice.

By looking at your current level of security you can identify areas for improvement and reduce the risk of becoming the victim of burglary.

Walk around your property – if you were locked out, where would you try to get in? Chances are that would also be where a burglar would try.

Please also remember to shut, and lock, all windows (no matter how small they are) to ensure that access to your property is secure at all times when you're not in.

For further prevention measures visit the websites below:

- Locks, window, door and garage security: www.locksmiths.co.uk
- Burglar alarms: Please use an approved installer from www.nsi.org.uk/your-home/
- Sheds – keep equipment and ladders locked away.
Visit www.soldsecure.com for tested and approved locks”