

# Burglary

## W.I.D.E.

By following the simple guidelines of W.I.D.E you can reduce the opportunities of your home becoming a target of a burglar.

### **W – Window Locks**

Fit key-operated window locks to all downstairs windows, windows that can't be seen from the street and easily accessible upstairs windows, e.g. those above a flat roof or near a drainpipe. Locks should conform to British Standard BS7950 or EU equivalent.

### **I – Internal Lights**

Table / standard lamps should be placed on timer switches in different rooms around the house. Set them to come on go off at different times to give the impression that the house is occupied. You could also use a timer switch on a radio.

### **D – Doors Locks & Bolts**

External doors should be fitted with good quality locks which comply with British Standard BS3621 or EU equivalent and use them.

### **E – External Lights On Sensors**

External lights should be fitted with sensors. Dusk to dawn lights with low energy bulbs can be more effective as a deterrent than motion sensor controlled lighting. These should be fitted at the front and rear of your home to maximise your security.

## Protecting Individual Items

Remember you can protect individual items within your property by marking them (see property marking fact sheet for more details).

Warwickshire Police advise that overnight, valuable items, such as car keys, are not:

- taken upstairs
- left in locks
- or kept in plain view

but should be kept downstairs, out of plain sight (e.g. in a drawer).