



Hot Weather Security

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As temperatures start to rise so too can insecure burglary rates. The following information will help to improve your security.

- Keep ground floor or accessible windows shut and locked in rooms you are not using.
- Don't leave doors and patio doors open.
- Remember to lock up properly before going to bed.
- Remember insurance companies often will not pay out if a burglary is a result of an insecurity.
- If you are taking the opportunity to do some DIY to the house, don't leave ladders and tools out. Keep them locked up.
- Make sure you lock side or rear gates into your garden.
- Do not do business at the door. Often companies who tout at the door for gardening and home improvements turn out to be bogus.
- If you are in the back garden having a barbeque party, don't be tempted to leave the front door open for your visitors to let themselves in.
- If you are going out for the evening remember to use a timer switch on a lamp or radio to give the impression someone is home.
- Hot weather is a good opportunity to get out cycling. Remember to lock your bike using a decent 'D' lock even if leaving for a couple of minutes.
- Remember to shut car windows and sunroofs even if parked on your drive.
- If you are outside gardening, don't be tempted to leave doors and accessible windows open.
- If you are working in the front garden, remember not to leave expensive power tools lying around, even if just for a couple of minutes.
- Scrap metal has a high value, be careful leaving barbeques in the front garden, they may be taken.
- Check the security of sheds and garages and make sure it is adequate.
- Whilst working on the garden, make sure you check boundary fences and walls to ensure they are in good order.
- Take the hot weather as an opportunity to ensure garden statues are appropriately anchored and padlock hanging baskets to their support.
- If you are buying new garden tools or outside equipment mark with your house number and postcode and register for free at www.immobilise.com

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