

Horsham District Neighbourhood Watch Association



A few recommendations/considerations for keeping your home safe



Subject to budgets/needs consider utilising the following security tools

1. Installing a house alarm, CCTV or Ring Video Doorbell or similar systems.
2. At the front and rear of the property add timer lighting or movement-sensitive lighting (PIR - Passive Infrared lighting.)
3. Install automatic plug-in timers for lights/radios, if away from home for longer periods. For shorter periods, when dark, if out at night, leave an upstairs light on.
4. Use an invisible marker pen for all indoor valuable articles. Keep a record of the relevant model and serial numbers and register them on <https://www.immobilise.com/> Mobile cameras are useful for capturing serial numbers, on the back of TVs.

General recommendations for consideration

1. Ensure on each occasion when entering or leaving home that the following actions are completed; doors, skylights and windows are locked (including annexes/conservatory-type buildings.) If applicable, set alarms.
2. Place the prompter reminder card checklist near your main entrance door. *Please reverse the card upon either arriving or leaving home.*
3. Consider obtaining insurance valuations for high-value items. Store these in a safe with other similar documents e.g., photos of valuables, house deeds, insurance policies, bank account/investment details, private certificates and passport(s).
4. Devise a list of all important details for banks, insurance companies, policy numbers, account numbers and contact telephone numbers. Store this list (ideally) in a safe. Copies of important documents can also be stored with your bank or solicitor. *This is an extra safeguard should a burglary or theft occur.*
5. Consider setting an annual assessment date to review existing insurance coverage to ensure these meet your expectations.
6. Make sure all keys are out of sight and away from any accessible access points.
7. Ask a neighbour to keep an eye if away from home for any length of time. Request that parcels/post be removed from the doorstep, letterbox and porch, especially if visible through glazed porch windows. Neighbours could also park their cars on your drive.
8. Avoid leaving curtains drawn for long periods if away from home.