



Considerations for the safety of property stored in outbuildings

1. Subject to needs and budgets, consider fitting alarms to outbuildings, particularly if storing valuables that may exceed the excess amount on insurance policies.
2. Consider CCTV if outbuildings are a distance from the home.
3. Consider a closed-shackle CEN3 padlock see <https://rebrand.ly/GaragePadlock> or fit a shed padlock alarm - a cheap distraction option that may make your shed less attractive than others to break into. (Available at Amazon, Halfords, DIY shops and through NHW.)
4. Door hinges and padlock hasps should be secured using nuts and bolts that are superglued in place, rather than the simple screws normally used. See ideas for shed security here: <https://rebrand.ly/ShedProtect>
5. Ensure all stored valuables are out of sight and windows are shut and securely locked.
6. Ensure outbuildings and sheds are well-lit with movement-sensitive lights (PIR – Passive Infrared lighting).
7. Please make a note of serial numbers for garden tools, mowers, cutters, machinery and pedal cycles. Ensure pedal cycles are locked and marked. There is a marker kit project being run by the Neighbourhood Wardens with Horsham District Council. This operation has also been sponsored by Horsham District Neighbourhood Watch. Alert messages will notify everyone of marker kit implementation dates in 2023.
8. Please register all property on the National Register at <https://www.immobilise.com> Photograph for your records, possibly helpful for insurance claims, or reclaims if stolen and subsequently found.
9. Remove all keys from outbuildings including integral house garages. If applicable, set alarms and complete a final check that all access areas have been secured.
10. It is worth checking that insurance coverage includes all property stored in outbuildings and that any inventory list is updated.
11. Protect garage doors, fobs, and general security:
<https://www.dimensiongaragedoors.co.uk>