

# is your home safe?

Insurance helps to take away the financial worry of replacing stolen or damaged goods but cannot reduce the distress that having a break-in causes. This leaflet has been put together to provide you with some useful information to help you protect your home and valuables.

Research shows that once you have been a victim of a break-in there is a strong possibility that you could be a victim again within a short space of time. It is therefore vital that you safeguard your house against such criminals.

Put yourself in a burglar's shoes, now look around your house to check that it is as **S.A.F.E.** as possible.

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**Secure** all doors and windows when you are inside your home or when leaving the home unattended. Securely lock all garages and sheds.

**Ask** a neighbour to look after your home if you go away and leave them your mobile telephone number so that they can contact you should they notice anything suspicious. If you go away on holiday ask a friend or relative to come into your home and open and close curtains in the morning and evening so that it looks as though someone is occupying your home. Ask any strangers or unexpected visitors for proof of identity.

**Fit** mortice locks (Kitemarked BS 3621) and preferably with five levers to front and back doors and locks to all downstairs windows and windows which are easy to reach. If or when you replace doors or windows in your home, choose ones that are certified to British Standard BS 7950 (windows) or PAS 24-1 (doors). Consider fitting a burglar alarm or safe in your home. Burglar alarms are good deterrents. Opportunists are less likely to enter homes fitted with burglar alarms.

**Ensure** all house and car keys are kept away from doors and windows. Ensure your insurance is up to date. Always open your curtains during the day time. Ensure your door is fitted with a chain or spy-hole so that this can be used when opening the front door to unknown callers. Ensure that all windows and doors are in good condition. A burglar will find an easy way to get into a house and may use a tool such as a screwdriver to prise open gaps in an old window or door frame. Ensure you reschedule any personal deliveries such as milk, newspaper or food when you go away.

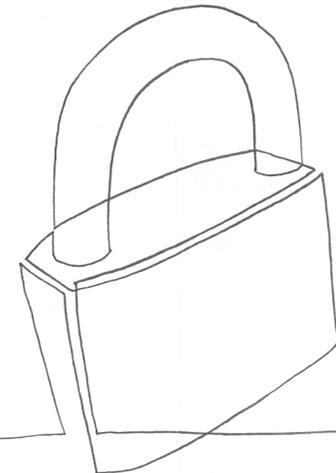
Further information can be found on the websites below:

[www.crimereduction.gov.uk](http://www.crimereduction.gov.uk)

[www.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk)

[www.neighbourhoodwatch.uk.com](http://www.neighbourhoodwatch.uk.com)

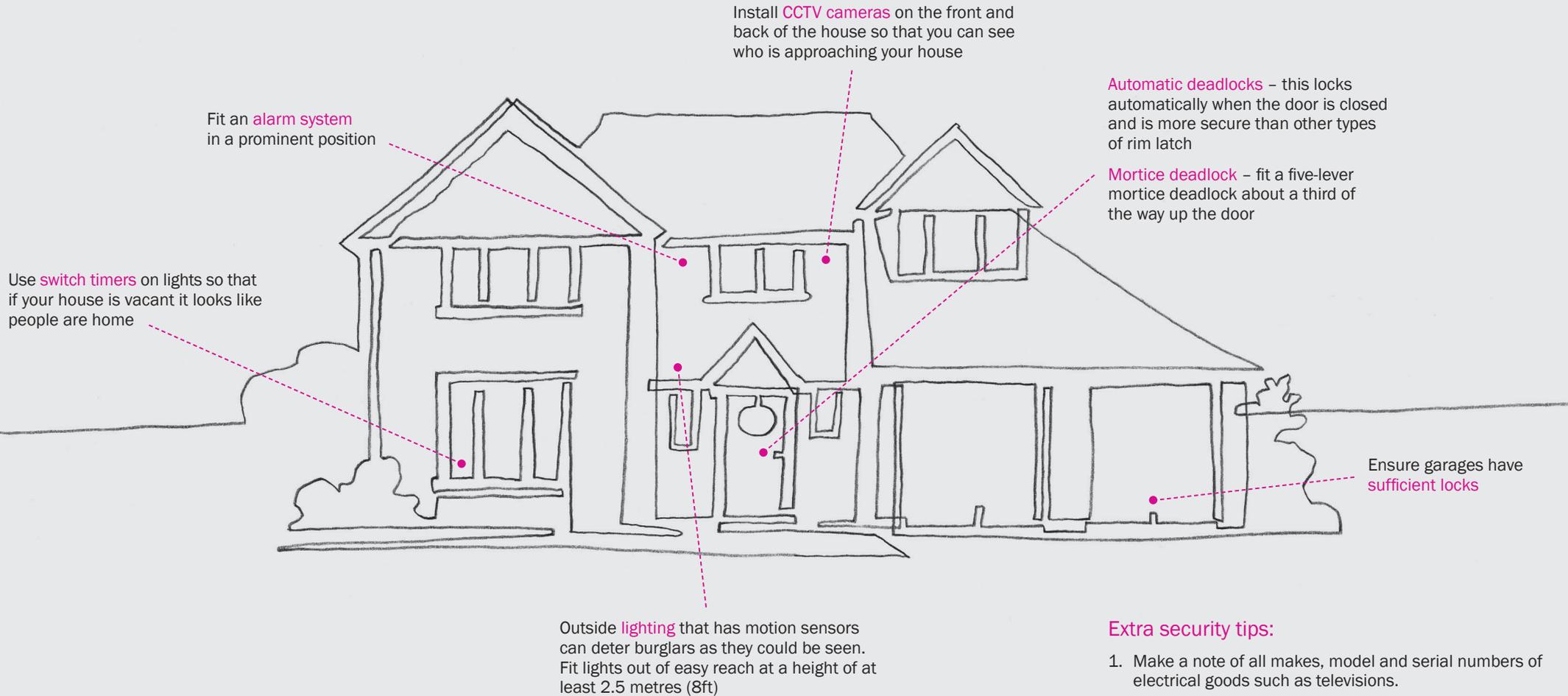
# protect your possessions



# prevention

is better than cure

Most domestic burglaries are committed by opportunists. These criminals pick a house that looks unoccupied and/or has little or no obvious security and where they think they won't be seen. Safeguard your home... Below are some general tips to secure your home.



## Extra security tips:

1. Make a note of all makes, model and serial numbers of electrical goods such as televisions.
2. Purchase an ultra-violet marker pen and write your house number and postcode on your audio/visual/ornaments within your home.
3. Photograph smaller items like jewellery as evidence of purchase – it may be easier to make later comparisons.