

Home security checklist

If you need help with your home security but you're not sure where to start, our handy checklist will help you identify key weak points and vulnerable areas. So you can make your home as safe as possible.

Gateways

- Install gate at the front of property
- Install gate at the rear of property (where applicable)
- Secure all gates with a weatherproof, robust padlock
- Cannot be easily climbed on to access other parts of the home

Outbuildings

- Hasps and weatherproof padlocks
- Key operated window locks
- Stand-alone, battery powered alarm
- Individual items secured with anchors and cables
- Mark all property in sheds, garages and outbuildings with surname and postcode

External Boundaries

- Flood lighting at the front, side and rear of property
- PIR detector
- Visible alarm box
- CCTV camera
- Trim hedges to limit hiding places
- Gravel driveway
- No valuables visible from the street

Main Entry and Exit Doors

- External timber doors secured with a mortice lock and/or night latch that meet British Standard BS3621
- TS007 Kitemarked cylinder in PVCu or composite doors
- TS008 Letterplate restrictor on front door
- Digital door viewer on front door
- Door chain
- Smart door lock
- Can you see who's at the door without opening it?

Room Interiors

- Smoke detector
- Carbon monoxide detector
- PIR detector
- All windows have at least one, key-operated window lock
- Home safe securely bolted to the floor or wall
- Personal attack alarm

Alarms

- Install alarm
- PIR detectors
- Remote key fob
- Panic button Door contact and magnet
- Remote access via a smartphone app
- Easy fit power switch (Smartphone alarm only)

CCTV & IP Camera

- Internal & external
- Infrared LED night vision
- HD camera quality
- Recordable hard drive
- Remote access via a smartphone app

Home security when away

- Cancel mail deliveries
- Leave lights on a timer
- Relative/friend/neighbour to check on property
- Smart alarm or CCTV systems that can be remotely accessed and controlled via a smartphone
- All windows and doors shut and locked
- Don't 'check-in' or post images with location tags on social media