

Burglary

» PREVENTION ADVICE



Put yourself in a burglar's shoes. If you 'think like a thief' you will be able to identify signs of security weaknesses in your home.

- » Lock your doors and windows.
- » Record the serial numbers of expensive electronic items and photograph these and other valuables.
- » Keep valuables out of sight i.e. jewellery, cameras, electronic games.
- » Consider investing in an alarm system, or getting sensor lights fitted.
- » Keep garden sheds and garages locked when not in use and ensure ladders are stored away from sight.
- » Keep hedges or plants around doors and windows well trimmed – don't give burglars a place to hide.
- » Check for weak spots where a thief could get into your garden, for example, a low or sagging fence, or a back gate with a weak lock.
- » Keep the house secure when you are out in the garden or the yard.
- » Use a chain on the door – don't open the door to strangers, unless the chain is attached.
- » Note down registrations of any suspicious vehicles – often burglars will scope out a place beforehand.
- » Join or form a Neighbourhood Support Group. Your Community Constable will have details.
- » Register serial numbers on the SNAP website <http://www.snap.org.nz>



WHEN GOING ON HOLIDAY:

- » Make arrangements for your mail and newspaper to be stopped or collected by a neighbour or friend.
- » Hide valuable items, financial documents and spare keys to vehicles etc.
- » Set timer switches on lights and/or radio.

If a crime is being committed, or you see something suspicious and the offenders are still there or have just left, call 111 immediately.

DON'T MAKE IT EASY FOR BURGLARS!

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