

Light it up: keep burglars out



Homes left unlit during dark afternoons or evenings signal to a burglar that a property is empty.

Here's some simple ways to improve your security.
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Use lights on timers or smart bulbs you can turn on remotely



Outside, invest in lights with a movement sensor. Don't let plants overgrow, as this can give cover to thieves.



Consider a smart doorbell or home CCTV.



Keep doors, windows and garden gates locked when you're out or at night.



Keep valuables out of sight. Security mark them and register for free at www.immobilise.com



Ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your property and do the same for them. Join a Neighbourhood Watch scheme at www.ourwatch.org.uk

Sign up at www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk to receive crime alerts in your area.



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