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Preventing burglary

There are many ways to improve your home security and significantly reduce the risk of burglary, including:

- When moving into a new property, change the combination to your locks. That way, no previous occupants will have access
- Use security deadlocks and bolts on doors and windows. (We strongly suggest that the deadlocking mechanism is disengaged when inside, and only activated when you leave the premises unattended)
- Choose quality deadlocks that allow one key to open all locks (there is less chance of misplacing keys)
- Do not hide extra keys in flowerpots, under mats or under cars
- Do not give your security keys to anyone you do not know
- Do not give your key to trade persons
- Ensure your home is clearly visible from the street. Prune bushes and trees that obscure windows and doors
- Have adequate lighting at outside doors.
- Do not leave messages on doors that suggest that no-one is at home
- Keep tools and items that may be used to gain entry to premises locked away. Remember even wheelie bins can make a great stepladder
- When out for a short time, leave a light and the radio or television on to give the impression that someone is at home
- Keep cash and valuables out of easy reach, and out of sight. Do not keep cash on business premises after hours.
- For Businesses, leave cash drawers or tills open, to show that there is no money on site
- Secure your documents and valuables. Use safes, desk drawers or filing cabinets that are able to be locked securely.
- Ensure locks are fitted correctly.

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