

Burglars are looking for opportunities nearby. They want to find empty homes, with poor security where they won't be seen.

Take away their opportunities by installing a 'WIDE' combination of devices. Clear anything that blocks your neighbours from seeing the entrances and exits of your home and lock your side gates. For more advice and to contact your local team directly visit gloucestershire.police.uk.



CCTV and forensic marking:

Burglaries can be really difficult to solve because often there are no witnesses, evidence or matching forensics. High-definition CCTV, digital doorbells and forensic marking liquids are helping us to capture more evidence than ever before. Come and speak to us at an event to understand more about this.



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Our home burglary concerns:

Many homes in the UK don't have adequate protection against burglary.



Homes that look empty or don't have enough lighting

Burglars look for empty homes. Use internal lights on timer switches to make it look as though someone is home and external lights on sensors to highlight movement.

Your neighbours can't see your home's entrances/exits well

Burglars don't want to be seen. Make sure they can't get in or out of your home or hide behind bushes without a neighbour or a passer-by being able to see them.

Poor quality window locks and door locks

Burglars can spot low quality locks and know how to overpower them. Install good quality window locks, double door locks or deadbolts.

Easy access to back gardens and ability to climb over fences

Burglars enjoy the privacy of a back garden. Install a good strong fence or gate with locks to stop them getting in. Then add trellis and spiky plants so they can't climb over.

Valuables on show or that someone can reach in and take

Burglars are opportunistic and weigh up risks and rewards when choosing a home. Remove your valuables from view, use blinds to decrease the appearance of rewards and keep windows downstairs closed when you're not using the room.

An officer may have assessed your property before posting this card. If you have a mark against one of these items it signals a concern we have.