

# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU

JOIN A WATCH TODAY



WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SAFER  
COMMUNITY

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON STARTING A NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH  
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## TOP TEN TIPS FOR A SECURE SUMMER

1. *Lock all doors and windows, DO NOT leave keys in the locks or under the mat.*
2. *Secure the contents of sheds using a good chain and padlock.*
3. *Property mark valuable items with postcode and house number.*
4. *Consider fitting better locks to house/garage/shed or even better a burglar alarm.*
5. *Secure any side access to the rear of your property, even if you are in the garden.*
6. *Never leave garden tools lying around, they make excellent burglary equipment.  
Lock them away.*
7. *A noisy gravel path is a deterrent, especially on driveways and around back of house. Plant impenetrable bushes like Pyracantha, Berberis or Japonica under windows or borders to frustrate entry.*
8. *Fit external lighting, sensor type, around your property. Put lights on a timer so they come on whether you are at home or not.*
9. *Make sure your neighbours and other Watch members are aware when your house is unoccupied, especially during holidays.*
10. *'Beware of the dog' signs work - even if you don't have a dog. They make intruders think twice.*

*ANY SENSIBLE PRECAUTION TO PREVENT CRIME IS A GOOD THING.  
CONFIDE IN YOUR NEIGHBOURS AND LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER'S PROPERTY.  
DON'T MAKE IT EASY FOR THE BURGLAR.*