

Top tips:



- Routinely check that ground floor windows and doors are closed and locked when you leave the house or go to bed. Upstairs windows should be closed and locked when the house is unoccupied.



- PVCu doors can only be locked by lifting the handle **and** using the key to ensure all the security features are locked in place.



- Car and house keys should be kept out of sight in a safe place. Don't leave them on display on window sills, in porches, hallways or kitchens.



- Secure your rear garden by shutting and locking, with a padlock, any gates. Burglars use garden tools to break in, so make sure you securely lock away any tools after use. Ensure boundary fences are secure and in good condition too.



- Secure your mobile devices by downloading tracking software from your app store. These apps are usually free and can make it possible for police to locate your device if it is stolen.

For more detailed security advice, please visit www.herts.police.uk or contact us on **101**.

You can also register **any valuables** on the free database www.immobilise.com. It is quick and easy to do and can help police return them to you if they are lost or stolen.

