

3 STEP PROTECT



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your valuables

Safeguard
your building

Secure
your outside

Keep your home safe by following 3 STEP Protect.

Protect your valuables



Don't advertise your goods. Always keep valuables like tablets and laptops out of sight from windows and store keys away from the letterbox.



Make your valuables less attractive to thieves by using a property or police approved forensic marking solution only visible under Ultraviolet (UV) light. www.met.police.uk/mark-your-property



Consider buying a safe or using other safe storage providers.

Safeguard your building



Lock all windows and double lock doors when you go out, even if it's only for a few minutes.



Make your home look occupied: use timer lights when the nights get longer, and cancel deliveries if you're going away.



Install a burglar alarm. These are proven to deter thieves.



Make sure your locks are strong enough to keep burglars out.

Secure your outside



Keep gates, sheds and garages locked and don't leave tools lying around as they can be used to break in.



Keep hedges at the front low and install outdoor lighting, so burglars have nowhere to hide.



Install trellises and spiky plants to stop burglars from climbing over fences.

What to do...

If you suspect an intruder is in your home

Don't go inside. Call the police straight away on 999.

If you see a suspected burglar leaving

Do not challenge them. Call the police on 999.

Make a note of what they look like. Any vehicles and if they're carrying anything.

If you've been burgled while you were out

Do not touch anything. Police can get fingerprints and DNA.

Report to police online at www.met.police.uk or call 101.

Report stolen credit/debit cards to your banks.

Never confront a burglar or risk your own safety