

The sharp rise in the price of gold means that gold jewellery is a serious target for thieves. Stolen gold items are often melted down or sold on quickly.

Remember, thefts can occur at any time, even if you are at home.

You can reduce the chances of your high value gold jewellery being targeted by following our self-help advice tips:

- Store valuable items in a safety deposit box at your bank or in a safe at home which is screwed to either a wall or floor
- Take photos of high value gold jewellery and keep a written description of each item
- Marking your property with a UV pen or forensic fluid such as SmartWater can make them less attractive to thieves





- Lock doors and windows and use sash jammers even when you are inside the house
- Use an approved locksmith registered with the Master Locksmiths Association at www.locksmiths.co.uk
- Use security companies accredited by the National Security Inspectorate of the Security Systems and Alarms Inspection Board for installing security measures such as a camera doorbell, intruder detector alarms and CCTV
- Always set your CCTV to record
- Install security lights
- Check that you use approved and tested security products awarded the Police Preferred Specification status which can be found at www.securedbydesign.com or www.soldsecure.com

Reporting a high value gold jewellery theft

If you have been the victim of high value gold jewellery theft, or if you have seen suspicious activity, you can report it by calling **101**. If a crime is in progress, call **999**.

For more information on protecting your home from high value gold jewellery theft, please go to our website: www.westyorkshire.police.uk.



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