

Protect your family gold from thieves

Millions of pounds worth of gold and jewellery are stolen in London every year.



Follow our tips to protect your jewellery and heirlooms.





Keep thieves out

- Lock doors and windows when going out. If possible, install CCTV and a monitored burglar alarm.
- Review your current home security arrangements to ensure that they are adequate. For more information visit: www.met.police.uk/burglary

Keep your jewellery safe

- Keep jewellery and gold secure with the National Pawnbrokers Association (NPA). Visit www.thenpa.com to find out more about Safe Storage Scheme facilities available with NPA members.
- If you cannot access a NPA storage site, consider a security and fire rated wall or floor safe. These are insurance rated according to the value of the items placed within.
 Check with your insurer for further advice.
- If you need to keep jewellery at home, don't leave it on display. Bedrooms and bathrooms are the places where thieves will look.
- Be discreet if wearing jewellery in public.

Help police to identify stolen jewellery

The only way police can prove that jewellery found on a thief doesn't belong to them is if you take the following steps:

- Photograph each piece of valuable gold or jewellery, keep a written description and get a valuation from your insurance company.
- Make your valuables less attractive to thieves by using a police approved forensic marking solution only visible under Ultraviolet (UV) light.

For more advice visit www.met.police.uk/burglary To report crime visit www.met.police.uk or call 101. In an emergency always dial 999.