

**It's not
only bats
that come
out at
night...**



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Autumn is the peak time for break-ins and associated Anti-Social Behaviour. As the clocks go back, the longer dark nights create more cover for burglars and other nocturnal criminals, enabling them to ply their trade out of the glare of daylight.

This is the reason the police make such a special effort at this time of year to nip this activity in the bud.

They mount special patrols in areas known for Anti-Social Behaviour and Burglary, and they ask you to ensure you take your own precautions.

While you're out enjoying yourself, even enjoying the fireworks in your own garden, make sure your house is secure.

- All external doors should be protected by a mortice lock.
- All windows, both upstairs and downstairs, should be fitted with at least one appropriate lock, especially Victorian sash windows.
- Your house should look lived in, even when you're out. Close the curtains and leave a light on.
- Outbuildings should be secured with a weatherproof padlock.
- When you leave your car, ensure you lock it and take everything with you.
- Do not use your mobile phone in the street without being aware of your surroundings.

Have fun and enjoy yourself this Autumn, but ensure that you keep your wits about you while taking sensible and necessary precautions.

Don't make it easy for them.



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