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As the nights draw in, it's a great time to review your home security. Check out our tips below to help keep your property safe.



Doors and windows

Before heading out, always check that your doors and windows are locked. It's also a good idea to close your blinds or curtains to keep prying eyes out.



Keys

Keep keys out of sight and away from doors and windows - especially letterboxes or glass panels - where they could be reached or spotted from outside. If possible, store car keys in a signal-blocking pouch to prevent relay theft.



Lights and alarms

As the nights get darker, a low-cost solution to making an empty house look like somebody is at home is to leave a lamp with a low energy light bulb on a timer. Alternatively, you can use timer switches for your lamps or smart bulbs that can be remotely accessed from an app on your phone.

If you have an alarm then make sure you use it when you go out and before you go to bed.



Sheds, garages and gardens

Make sure your sheds and garages are locked and secure.

Always tidy away your garden tools and lock ladders away to stop burglars from using them.



CCTV and digital doorbells

Don't forget to charge your digital doorbells and maintain your personal CCTV systems. It's easy to overlook, but they're especially useful as the evenings get darker. Motion sensor lights are also a great way to deter unwanted visitors.



To register your CCTV, visit: westmidlands.police.uk/cctv-registry or scan the QR code



For more advice about protecting your home search '**wmp darker nights**'