





We all want to feel safe and secure in our own homes; the following simple steps will improve your security and we'd recommend you complete our Home Security Survey with further information at www.gloucestershire.police.uk/staying-safe

Around the house

Shut and lock any garden gates, sheds and garage.

Return any tools to the shed or garage after use.

Ensure garden furniture, ornaments or expensive plants are securely fixed in place, photographed and security marked.

Your home

Shut and lock windows and doors when you're upstairs, in the garden or just popped next door.

Consider installing a good quality burglar alarm and fitting a safe.

Use low level dusk-to-dawn lighting around the front door.

Inside your home

Check the identity of visitors and keep strangers outside.

Photograph and forensically mark electrical items, jewellery, antiques and other unique items.

Avoid keeping large amounts of cash at home.

Keep your car and house keys in a secure place away from windows and doors.

Carefully dispose the packaging for expensive items, leaving them by the bin will advertise what's inside your house.

Always back up your computer, laptop, smart phone or tablet to an external hard drive or secure cloud based server.