

Thieves like  
**CRAVED** belongings:

**C**oncealable  
**R**emovable  
**A**vailable  
**V**aluable  
**E**njoyable and  
**D**isposable

**CRAVED** belongings are, small items of high value like jewellery, digital technology, cash and cards.

Store these carefully, and keep valuable jewellery (sentimental or otherwise) separate from everyday wear.

Keep receipts, photographs and full descriptions of jewellery and other expensive belongings with your insurance documents.

Marking your belongings clearly and permanent.

## Useful contacts

Free crime prevention advice  
& personal safety advice is available from:

Police Scotland  
Prevention, Interventions &  
Partnership Department  
t: 0131 221 2040  
e: EdinburghPreventandInter  
vent@Scotland.pnn.police.uk  
w: www.scotland.police.uk

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... from homes

## around your home...

### lighting

If streetlights outside your home are broken contact the council to fix them.

If common lighting in or around your building is out of order, contact your factor.

If lighting is poor around your home, fit external lights.

### walls, fences & hedges

High walls, fences or hedges may give you privacy but they also provide cover for thieves.

Hedges or trees should be trimmed or cropped short.

Thorny plants can be trained along the tops of walls, fences and around window frames, making them more difficult to climb on.

### paths and driveways

Remember, high plants or shrubs can provide cover for thieves.

Use pebbles instead of slabs. They're cheaper, easier to maintain, safer underfoot and make noise when trodden on.

## your home

### alarms

If you have an alarm, use it.

**Alarm Installation**, police will only place a monitored system with confirmation technology onto it's database for response.

### doors

Front and back doors should be solidly built (44mm solid core or PAS 24) and fitted with mortise locks to BS3621:2007, cylinder locks to BS3621 and other lock cylinders (europrofile and oval) to BS EN 1303.

Keep your doors locked even when at home. Many insurance policies ask for keys not to be kept in locks.

Door frames should be well fitted, secure and robust with no gaps around them.

Secure garage and shed doors: they are full of 'tools' thieves can use to break into your home.

Internal doors connecting to your garage need to be as secure as your front and back door.

Choosing uPVC and patio doors, ensure that they are accredited to PAS 24 with anti-lift devices, hinge bolts and multi-locking systems.

Glass panels should be laminated and integral to the structure of the door.

### Windows

Windows at ground floor, accessible from a flat or gently slopping roof or sturdy piping are most at risk – secure them.

Replacement windows should comply to PAS 24 with laminate glass fitted to all ground floor and accessible windows.

Windows should have key operated locks with keys out of sight and reach from the outside.

Sash and case windows can be fitted with locking sash bolts.

Replacement glass should be laminate glass as this is the most resilient to attack.

## tenement/flats

Fit an entry-phone system. Police and council recommend the type that uses a magnetic lock.

Don't let in anyone you don't know. Utilities and public service personnel will identify themselves if they are not calling for you, don't let them in. If in doubt phone the police.

Never wedge the door open. If you find the door lying open or insecure, close and lock it.

Keep communal back doors bolted and locked.

