

Newsletter from Evesham Rural North Policing Team

Shed Security

- Put away all tools and equipment and lock up. We would advise not to leave power tools in the shed.
- Replace standard hinges with strap hinges secured by coach bolts or use security screws on existing hinges.
- A tough pad bar or hasp and staple fitted with a strong padlock and secured with coach bolts is an effective way of securing a shed door. To strengthen bolts supplement them with metal or wood backing plate so the bolts cannot be wrenched through the shed wall/door.
- Fit an alarm. These can cost less than you think. You can purchase a battery operated one from your local DIY store. The web sites below might give you some ideas for these alarms.

- Fit a window grille and/or frosted window film or curtains to stop a thief seeing if you have anything worth stealing.
- Chain tools and other valuable equipment together using high security chain or cable and a good quality padlock. Lockable tool racks are also available and are a good idea.
- It may also be an idea to display solar lighting around the area and crime prevention signage.
- Mark all of your items with your house number and postcode using a permanent marker pen. You may also want to consider property marking options such as Smartwater.

http://www.eightriverssecurity.co.uk/mini_pir_alarm_with_remote_control.html

http://personalalarms.com/acatalog/MA30_Mini_PIR_Alarm_with_2_Remote_Controls.html

**Leave a light on and keep
your home safe and secure
Lighten up!**

**Most house break-ins are opportunistic.
Don't give thieves a chance!**

House burglaries remain relatively low in West Mercia - less than 1% of homes are burgled each year. However, when it is dark outside, unlit houses can be a target for thieves. You can significantly reduce the chance of your home being burgled by taking a few simple precautions:

- A well-lit home gives the impression that someone is in.
- Use timer switches to turn lights on while you are out.
- Save energy and money with low-energy or dusk to dawn sensor light bulbs. A low-energy bulb costs less than 5p per week to run (if left on for six hours each day).
- Lock windows and doors and keep gates well secured.
- Invest in external lighting.

For more practical home security tips, visit:

www.westmercia.police.uk

To register valuable items of property such as bikes and mobile phones etc, visit:

www.immobilise.com

For more information on the property marking system 'Smartwater' please contact your local NHW co-ordinator or Sharon Summers at epnwa@live.co.uk

Shed alarms are available at the Contact Centre, Abbey Road, Evesham. They cost £3.58 and can be adapted for many uses by lengthening the cord the pin is attached to. They emit a loud alarm once the pin is removed and can be quite disorientating.

Please do not report incidents via this email address. If you wish to report any new non emergency incidents please call 101 at the time of the incident occurring.

In an emergency always call 999.