

## **Crime Resilience Advice**

Look at where you are storing your bike and make sure that your shed or garage is secured with a good quality lock. Many shed windows are never used, if this is the case – why not screw them shut. Fitting mesh or steel bars across the window from the inside allows light to enter but means the thief has to go to a lot of trouble to remove them. Replace broken glass with laminated glass.

Keep back gates locked when not used.

Do you have security/motion sensor lights especially at the rear of your house? They can be a great deterrent if your home or garden is secluded from street lighting.

Loop a strong chain through the handles of your garden tools and connect the ends with a strong padlock. If possible, fix a large metal eyelet to part of the shed frame and loop the chain through it. Alternatively consider installing a lockable storage cupboard within your shed/garage to store valuable items in, as this will also form a second line of defence to thieves.

If you have a household alarm consider extending it to cover your outbuildings or fit a bespoke shed/garage alarm.

Don't leave tools/equipment in your vehicles overnight.