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Crime Prevention Checklist

Residential Burglary

Lit up or in darkness? Which would you choose if you were a burglar?



Do you leave your home looking lived in?

Would you be able to tell that no one is home?

Does your home stand out from those around it?

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Residential Burglary - Key Facts:

- Could you use timer switches to turn lights on when you are out? Alternate times/lights and try to leave upstairs lights on where feasible
- A range of technology is also now available that enables the user to control lighting within the home when they are out and about
- Fake/simulated TV units can give the impression that someone is in when your home is empty (never leave the actual TV on)
- Take the time to ensure that your alarm system and bulbs in outside lights are in working order, and use the security that you already have
- Don't leave items of value on show through ground floor windows – i.e. laptops, tablets (and the power leads), car keys, games consoles etc
- Get into the habit of locking the door, even when you're at home. Remove the keys from the lock and keep them out of view, but know where they are in case of an emergency
- Doorbell cameras can be a good deterrent but should only form part of your home security. Don't rely on cheap foreign imports as the cyber security can be problematic and can lead to serious problems around internet security
- Consider setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme on your street **www.westyorkshire.police.uk/neighbourhood-watch**

For further advice please do not hesitate to contact your local Crime Prevention Officer – details can be found on the Force website www.westyorkshire.police.uk