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PROTECT YOUR FAMILY GOLD

Please review your security to make your home safer

Burglars target high value gold

Burglars avoid noisy, well-lit homes

Remove jewellery from your house altogether

Lock doors and windows to keep burglars out

Fit a doorbell camera, external light and/or burglar alarm

Keep valuables and keys safe and out of sight

TOP TIPS

to keep your home and gold secure

1. We would advise you to remove the jewellery from your house altogether, so if you are a victim your valuable items won't be stolen. Keep all jewellery and other valuables in a safety deposit box – speak to your bank to find out what's available.
2. Consider your privacy settings on any social media platforms and avoid posting about weddings, festivals or other celebrations, where someone may be able to identify that you are not at home or that you own high value jewellery.
3. Use a door bell camera, internal camera and/or a monitored burglar alarm.
4. Ensure doors are double locked at all times. Keep windows closed and locked.
5. Install 'dusk to dawn' external lighting.
6. Use timer switches in your home to control internal lights, radios and a simulated TV.
7. Ensure boundary fences are secure with side gates locked.
8. Take photos and keep a list of all valuable property in a safe place, including make, model description and value.
9. Forensically mark items of value, as a hi-tech way of linking your property to your address, options available are – Selecta DNA / Smartwater. Always take specialist advice before marking expensive or irreplaceable items.

TOP DEVICES to keep your home secure

A range of effective crime prevention products are available to purchase.



A good quality safe Use a bank safety deposit box. When at home, high value items should be kept locked in a substantial safe that is insurance rated for the contents you are storing. All safes need to be secured by raw bolts to the floor or wall.



A monitored burglar alarm

Monitored activation leading to a contact to you and your nominated key holders straight away.



A doorbell camera Uses WI-FI technology to see, hear, record and speak to anyone at your front door via your smartphone, tablet or PC from anywhere. Can include motion sensors to alert you to activity at your home.



An internal camera Uses WI-FI technology. Activation via a motion sensor alerts you to activity at your home. Facility to see, hear and speak to anyone in your home via your smartphone, tablet or PC from anywhere.



Exterior lighting

Install “dusk to dawn” lighting outside your home.



Timer switches

Works with lighting/radio etc. to give your unoccupied home a lived in look.



Simulated TV

Emits flashing ambient lighting to give your unoccupied home a lived in look.

Join Hertfordshire's Neighbourhood Watch for alerts and advice: owl.co.uk

Visit owlprotect.uk for discounts on security products.

For more crime prevention advice visit

herts.police.uk/protectyourhome

herts.police.uk/socialmedia

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