

Home security

A practical review of entrances, everyday routines and what happens when you are away.

Check your property

- ☐ Check that external doors, windows and accessible gates close and lock properly. Arrange repairs where needed.
- ☐ Review entrance lighting and sightlines. Keep paths clear and avoid blocking fire escape routes.
- ☐ Keep tools, ladders and valuables secure and out of casual view.

Review your routines

- ☐ Agree a consistent locking-up routine with everyone in the household.
- ☐ Review who holds keys or has access. Keep keys and access codes private; change access if compromised.
- ☐ Check existing alarm or camera systems using the supplier's guidance. Use strong, unique passwords and available updates.

Plan ahead

- ☐ Before time away, arrange appropriate property checks with someone you trust. Avoid public posts about an empty home.
- ☐ Agree what to do if an alarm activates. Never enter if you suspect an intruder is present.
- ☐ Identify repairs or security questions to discuss with a suitable professional. Keep any sensitive notes securely offline.

General preparation guidance only. Not a site-specific risk assessment, legal advice or a guarantee of safety. Follow venue procedures and supplier guidance. Never confront a suspected intruder. In an emergency, call 999.