

Home Office



In a bid to cut down on burglaries, B&Q are offering 10% off security products and a free burglary prevention pack.

What's the deal?

As householders, you are being invited to call the government Home Office Hotline, which will entitle you to 10% off security products at B&Q, and 15% when you spend more than £50.

You will also receive a free 'burglary prevention pack' which includes useful tips on keeping out burglars, and making sure your house is as safe as it can be.

How do I benefit?

To get a voucher entitling you to 10% off, and your free burglary prevention pack, simply call **0800 456 1213** quoting 'burglary pack'

Conditions

Subject to availability.

Getting in Touch ...

In an emergency

For example when life is in danger, or a crime is being committed, dial **999**

In a non-emergency

For example not requiring immediate Police attendance. Wiltshire Police have one telephone number, manned 24-hours a day, dial **0845 408 7000**



If you would like further information on anything mentioned in this leaflet, please take a look at our website or contact us using the details below.

Contacting us:

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Keeping Swindon **Safe**



LOCK IT OR LOSE IT:
Opportunist burglars use an open door or window



Swindon Community Safety Partnership
Swindon Borough Council, Swindon Primary Care Trust, Wiltshire Police,
Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service, Wiltshire Probation Area, Wiltshire Police Authority

Burglary Prevention Advice

FACT: 90% of burglaries are opportunistic



While home burglaries are rare, the burglar's task is often made easier by the householder's lack of use of suitable locks and security devices.

A large percentage of crime is committed by the opportunist thief - when a window is left open or a door unlocked.

Swindon Community Safety Partnership are issuing crime prevention advice to help decrease the chances of residents becoming victims of burglary.

Tips to Remember ...

DO Lock all your doors and windows when you go out. Pay particular attention to the back of your premises - a popular entry point for burglars

DON'T Leave windows and doors unlocked and open when you are not in the room, or you are in the garden

DO Keep valuables and keys out of reach of windows and doors

DON'T Leave door keys in hiding places such as under the doormat. Thieves know all the hiding places

DO Keep your shed and outbuildings locked. Your tools are useful to a thief who wants to gain entry

DON'T Leave a window open a few inches for ventilation when you go out

DO Close the curtains and leave a light on in a room (not the hall) if you are out all evening

DON'T Leave ladders lying around. If kept outside, padlock them to something secure

DO Illuminate dark areas around the house. Burglars don't like light

DON'T Leave curtains and blinds drawn in the daytime - they attract the thief

DO Postcode your property with UV marker pens - having it marked helps Police verify it's been stolen



Going on Holiday?

However keen you are to start your holiday, don't forget to take precautions to protect your property while you are away.

- Lock all your doors, windows and outbuildings
- Cancel milk, newspapers and other regular deliveries
- Ask your neighbour to remove any post or newspapers left showing in the letter box, and put some rubbish in your dustbin bag
- Don't discuss your holiday plans or lengthy periods away from home in earshot of strangers
- Turn the gas and water supply off
- Deposit small items such as jewellery and quantities of cash in the bank
- Tell your neighbour you will be away and give them your holiday address in case of emergency
- Cut the lawn