

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
- Everyone in the home should get into the habit of locking the door, even when at home, it only takes seconds to do. Remove the keys from the lock and keep them out of view/reach - but know where they are in case of emergency
- Consider starting a Neighbourhood Watch scheme on your street, it doesn't take too much time and can help bring the community together to prevent crime

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