



STAY SAFE

AND SECURE

THIS

WINTER

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Winter Crime Prevention in the Home

Here are some tips on how to stay safe during the winter period, and some early tips for during the Christmas period.



Presents look nice under the **Christmas tree**. But can also entice burglars – put them under the tree on Christmas morning instead.



Ensure that all of your windows and doors are locked.



If you are expecting a parcel, make sure someone is there when it is delivered or ask a neighbour to take it in – don't leave it on the door step.



Don't leave your keys in the door at any time!



Don't open your door to unexpected callers! – check their identity first using a door viewer or a door chain.



Always keep keys in a safe place away from windows and doors

Remember:



If you can get into your house without keys so can burglars.

Outside your home



Always keep sheds and garages locked at all-times.



Security alarms are inexpensive and can deter undesirables. If you do have a shed, get a shed alarm.



Fit a security lighting in the garden / front of the house.



Lock your garden gate. You can use a door lock like a night latch or a padlock.



Never leave spare keys under a stone or flower pot or a mat. The alternative will be purchase and fit a key safe, but make sure you keep changing the code every so often.

Locking without wheel removal



Keep all bicycles and tools locked away out of sight.

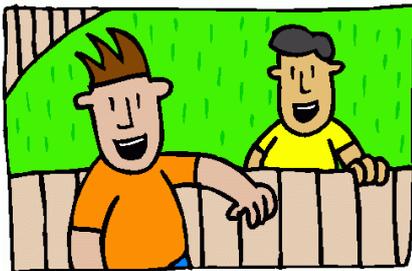
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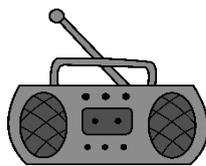
Always tell somebody where you are going and how long you will be.



Cancel paper and milk deliveries.



Ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your property.



Set timers for lights, radio or televisions to give the impression that the house is not empty.

When going out shopping



Keep your purse in your handbag, keep your handbag zipped up at all-times.



Keep your credit cards safe and take extra care when using a cash point or chip and pin machine, and don't let anybody see your pin number.



Make sure you don't leave your bag unattended as it can be taken very quickly.



Don't leave your bag in your shopping trolley whilst you shop.



When using your mobile phone, be aware of your surroundings.



Always put parcels in the boot of your car.

To keep your car safe



Always park in a well-lit open area.



Keep your valuables, and Christmas presents (if you bought any), out of sight.



Remove all traces of Sat-Nav including cradles and ring marks.



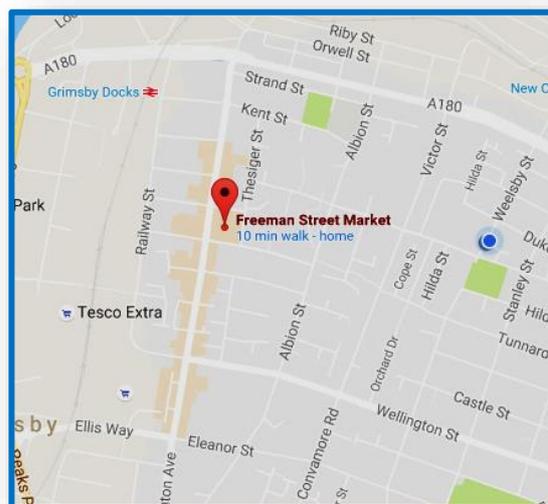
Always remove your ignition key and secure your steering lock.

You may also be interested in the following:

- Slips, Trips and Falls prevention in wintertime
- Keep Warm, Keep Well, Keep Safe/ keep calm, stock up and stay in-PCG
- Recipes for a Warmer Winter-Age UK
- Winter Wrapped Up-Age UK
- Becoming a volunteer winter buddy-VANEL/Care Plus Group NHS
- Hotspot benefits checks-Home Energy Team
- Room Thermometers-Age UK / Home Energy Team
- Driving in the Winter Weather

For more information about preparing for winter, please contact or visit the Information Centre, Freeman Street Market Grimsby, DN32 7DS

Which is situated next to the Mobility Shop.



Opening Times:

- Tuesday 9:30am until 3pm
- Friday 9:30am until 3pm
- Saturday 9:30am until 3pm