



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Crime prevention advice

GARAGE AND SHED BREAKS

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There are certain measures you can take to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim yourself, such as:

- Fit an alarm to your garage or shed – most DIY stores stock battery- operated alarms suitable for this purpose.
- Always mark the property you keep in your garage or shed with your postcode – this will help identification if they are stolen and then recovered. Keep a list of property with photographs. Register your property on www.immobilise.com.
- Make sure your garage or shed is fitted with a good strong lock, padlock, door hinges or other security device such as a Garage Defender.
- Make sure items inside the garage or shed are secure – large items can be padlocked together or you could sink a post into the floor of the garage and padlock items to the post.
- Always remember to lock your garage or shed after use.
- Do not store large quantities of valuables in your garage and shed.
- Keep property and fencing in good repair and ensure that foliage and trees are kept trimmed.
- Check with your insurance company that you are covered for items stored in your garage or shed.

Report suspicious activity to the police on **101** or anonymously via the Crimestoppers charity on **0800 555 111**.

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