



Twelve Christmas Burglary Prevention Tips

1. If you can, cover your driveway in gravel so you can hear any approach to your property.
2. Get a house alarm that notifies you, (via a phone line), or a security company if it is activated.
3. Purchase a video doorbell such as www.ring.com or www.nest.com and complement with additional CCTV.
4. Affix motion-sensor lighting to all sides of your property.
5. Keep front boundaries low and side and rear boundaries high, and top rear boundaries with trellis and spiky defensive plants.
6. Ensure your side gate is locked and not recessed.
7. Keep wheelie bins behind a side gate or chain them up.
8. Use timer switches or smart technology throughout your home to give it the 'lived-in look'.
9. Photograph, property mark and secure jewellery and documents in an anchored safe.
10. Lock sheds and outbuildings and don't leave insecure heavy objects, such as loose bricks, in the garden.
11. Deter car thieves by affixing a steering wheel lock to your car(s), especially if high-value.
12. Before Christmas, secure gifts away from windows; after Christmas, don't publicise gifts by discarding packaging visible from the street.

