

STAY SECURE

One in four burglars enter our homes through an open door, or window, in the summer.

Thefts of tools, equipment and bicycles increase by a third during summer months. An unlocked garden shed, or unsecured bicycle are easy targets for a burglar.

We must remember to make our homes look occupied and keep property secure at all times.

SECURE YOUR HOME

THE GARDA SUMMERTIME SAFETY CAMPAIGN SEEKS TO IMPROVE HOME AND PERSONAL SECURITY BY SHARING SIMPLE BUT EFFECTIVE CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER.

When going on holiday, remember to:

- Secure all windows and doors
- Use timer switches or smart apps to turn on lights around your home
- Cancel home deliveries and consider using a mail minding service
- Ask someone you trust to check on the property at different times of the day.
- Tidy up before you go on holidays. Overgrown lawns or shrubs could give the impression that no one is at home.
- · Lock away tools, ladders and other items that could be used to break into your home.

Social media

- While on holiday be mindful of what you share on social media.
- Avoid posting about upcoming holiday plans.
- · Do not post status updates or pictures from your vacation while you are away.
- Turn off the location sharing settings on your smart phone camera.

...vou never know who is reading about your vacation online!

ANTI-BURGLARY **MEASURES IN** IRELAND

'Operation Thor' is a national multi-strand anti-crime initiative that involves a broad range of measures to tackle burglary and property related crime and actively targets organised crime gangs and repeat offenders.

An Garda Síochána also work with communities to prevent crime and offer crime prevention advice.

Check out more burglary prevention tips on www.garda.ie/en/Crime-Prevention



TALK-TO A GARDA CRIME PREVENTION-OFFICER

All members of An Garda Síochána promote crime prevention and reduction. There are also dedicated Crime Prevention Officers (CPOs) within each Garda Division. These CPOs are trained to encourage, promote and advise on crime prevention to both the private and business community.

You can download crime prevention information, including the 'Home Security Checklist Challenge', at www.garda.ie to see how secure your home is.

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Don't let your dream vacation