



SHEDS, GARAGES, WORKSHOPS, LOCK-UPS AND OTHER OUTBUILDINGS

Hopefully, as the weather improves, those of us lucky enough to have gardens or allotments, can all start thinking about spending time outdoors, getting everything ship shape during the Spring and throughout Summer!



As in previous years, the Police are urging everyone to ensure their premises are secure and are offering some practical steps that can be taken reduce the risk of burglary. (This advice applies throughout all seasons!)



Ensure that all sheds, garages, workshops, lock-ups and other outbuildings, are in a good state of repair and that any damaged or rotten sections of their structure, which could make it easier for a thief to gain access, are repaired or replaced.

- Use quality close shackle padlocks which cannot be easily levered or cut.
- If you have a window in the premises, consider whether you actually need it and if not consider boarding it over securely. Otherwise, make the window opaque or cover windows to ensure the property inside is not on display.
- Consider fitting key operated locks to any opening windows or screwing them shut.

- Where the building is a wooden structure, consider lining the property with plywood sheeting to make it more difficult for a thief to get through without proper tools and lots of time.
- Consider fitting an alarm, these are readily available from DIY stores or local locksmiths.
- Chain any tools through their handles to large heavy items such as lawn mowers or cultivators. If you have neither of these fill a bucket with concrete and, using a masonry fixing, chain your tools to this.
- Mark all valuables within your premises with your postcode and house number; record serial numbers of all equipment and keep the records safe.
- Good security lighting, using existing lights, (consider installing a time switch or adding sensor lights).
- Ensure that all sheds, garages, lock-ups or other relevant outbuildings, are securely locked and never left unlocked whilst unoccupied.



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