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Crime Prevention Advice

# A message from the police

## Is your shed an easy target?

Reduce the chances of theft from your garden shed or garage by following these simple steps:

Fit good quality, substantial locks.

Secure hasps and hinges with coach bolts and security screws.

Fit window locks and protective grills.

Do not store high value items in your shed.

Your property could be at risk....



 **101**

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# Your shed

- If you do leave items of high value in your shed, engrave or mark these items your with your house number and postcode. Secure the items to the floor or leave in secured storage.
- Fit a good quality, substantial lock to the door for advice on these items visit [www.soldsecure.com](http://www.soldsecure.com) or [www.securebydesign.com](http://www.securebydesign.com)
- Secure hinges with coach bolts and security screws.
- Invest in a shed alarm if possible.
- Screw windows shut or fit window locks. Use curtains or netting to hide anything on view.

# Your garden

## ***Make your garden difficult for intruders to access.***

- Keep your gates, fences and walls well maintained. Ideally these should be at least 2m high.
- Keep gates locked and position them close to the front of your house.
- Consider growing prickly plants such as Pyracantha, Sea Buckthorn and Berberis around vulnerable areas such as windows, fences, walls and drainpipes.
- Use gravel for footpaths and driveways as it is noisy to walk on.
- Fit motion-sensor security lighting if possible.
- Join or set up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

# Your valuables

## ***Make it difficult for your valuables to be taken.***

- Put tools and equipment away after use.
- Use ties to secure hanging baskets to brackets.
- Fill the bottom of pots and planters with heavy stones.
- Chain large items, such as bikes, together.
- Lock ladders to a secure fixture to stop them being used for access.
- Photograph your valuable items to help recover them if they are stolen.
- Keep photographs of unusual or sentimental items such as planters or ornaments. They can be used by police to find and trace stolen items.

For more information please contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team by calling **101**.  
Visit the force website **[www.derbyshire.police.uk](http://www.derbyshire.police.uk)**

Security information is often available from garden centres and DIY stores.