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As part of the on-going drive to reduce crime in your area officers have been canvassing the streets to identify insecurities and to minimise opportunities for thieves. Below are some simple prevention steps and advice to make it harder for the criminals.

Protecting your property

- Keep your front and rear doors closed and locked, even in the daytime when you are home.
- Try to only keep your downstairs windows open only when you are in the room.
- Keep your house and vehicle keys away from your door, preferably in a safe and discrete place.
- Make it part of your night time routine to check that your doors and windows are locked.
- Mark your expensive and sentimental items with either a UV pen or marking solutions such as Smartwater.
- Install a house alarm, CCTV and warning signs for dogs, whether you own one or not. They can be great deterrents.
- Use an anti-climb paint on boundary fences.
- Install good exterior lighting to your property that can be triggered by motion sensors.
- Whenever anyone knocks on your door claiming to be from a company, always ask to view their identification cards, even if they are wearing a company uniform.

Protecting your Vehicle

- Always keep your car keys in a safe place when you are not using your vehicle, do not leave them hanging from your door, on view through a window or on a table in the hallway.
- If you can, park your vehicle in your garage or on your driveway, if you have to park on the street, if possible park it under a street light and not away from public view.
- Do not leave anything on display in your vehicle, take it indoors with you, even a coat is a temptation to smash and grab, also if you have a sat nav clean the sucker mark of the windscreen.
- Make it part of your routine to check your vehicles doors and windows before going to bed to make sure your vehicle is secure.
- Have an alarm fitted; locking wheel nuts and use tamper proof number plate screws.
- Never leave your car unattended with the engine running whilst defrosting the windows, this is an open invitation and it only takes a few seconds for your car to be taken.

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