



SECURITY PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FROM CLEVELAND POLICE

Dusk Till Dawn Exterior Bulkhead Lamp With Low Energy Bulb

Replacement Low Energy Bulb

Low Energy Spot Light Bulb

Timer Switch (plug in—24 hr)

Ultra Violet Marker Pen

Shed Alarm (battery operated)

Padlock Alarm

Mini Door Chime (entrance alarm for doors and windows)

Personal Attack Alarms

Door Stopper Alarm (helps prevent sneak in intruders)

Disklok (vehicle steering wheel lock)

Garage Defender

Neighbourhood Watch Street Sign (includes fitting kit)

Pedal Cycle Alarm

Cycle Registration/Sticker

Combination Cycle Lock

Property Marking Kit

Purse Bells (attaches to purse to help prevent Pick Pocketing)

Motor Cycle Disc Brake Loc








Nav Mat (perfect solution for mounting Sat Navs)

Glass Window/Door Minder (to protect Patio/French doors)

Contact Crime Prevention and
Neighbourhood Watch Team
01642 302629 & 01642 302662



Top Tips for a safer garden:

-  Keep sheds and garages locked (1 in 3 burglaries have no forced entry)
-  Do not leave garden tools, furniture or ladders on display which may attract thieves into your garden
-  Do not showcase your property, limit the time your garage/shed doors are open
-  Cover shed and garage windows to make it difficult for a thief to see what is inside
-  Secure items such as strimmers, lawn mowers & cycles by use of a chain and suitable lock to a fixed anchor point
-  Apply your postcode to tools, furniture, plant pots and cycles by using a UV pen, paint or engraving, alternatively use a DNA property or cycle registration or marking kit
-  Protect your shed/garage with a security alarm and consider a padlock alarm.

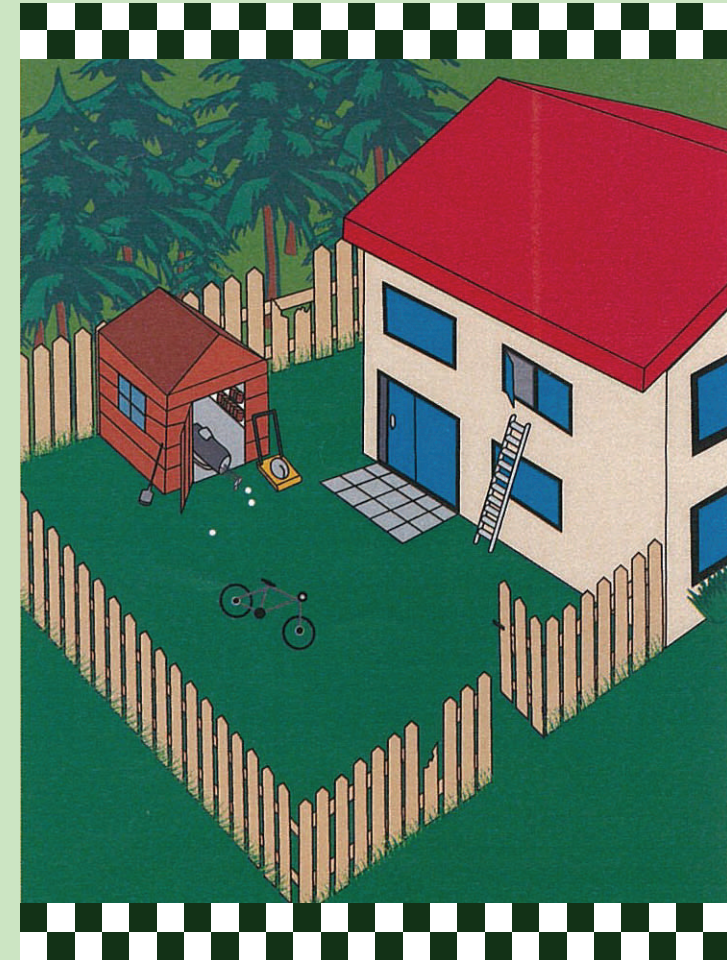
For more information on improving your home security visit:- www.cleveland.police.uk

Additional help and information can be obtained from your **Neighbourhood Police Team**
Contact them on **01642 302929**



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North East **CRIMESTOPPERS**
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Nip Garden Crime in the Bud

Easy Pickings?

Although crime in Redcar & Cleveland district remains low garden crime is an unfortunate reality. Although many people take steps to protect their homes and the property inside them, they leave valuable equipment in gardens, unsecured sheds, and garages providing easy pickings for opportunist thieves.

Power tools, mowers, garden tools, mountain bikes and golf clubs are just some examples of expensive equipment left in sheds that are often not strong or secure enough to protect them from thieves. To make matters worse, these stolen items could be used by the intruder to break into your house.

Effective garden security covers everything from boundary fences and gates to the valuables stored inside your shed. Follow the tips throughout this leaflet to find out how you can 'weed out' the garden thieves.

Remember:

Household insurance policies should be checked to ensure they cover garden and shed equipment and whether or not any minimum security standards apply.



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Protecting your Boundaries

The boundaries of your property are your first line of defence against burglars. Strong gates, fences and walls which are kept in good repair can deter intruders from getting to the back and sides of your property.

Make sure:

- **Rear garden fences are high enough to make climbing them difficult. A trellis can be used to add additional height.**
- **Side gates are positioned as close to the front of the house as possible. Thieves will be put off by the fact that they are in full view of the neighbours**
- **Gates are kept locked at all times**

Defensive Planting:

Nature's Way of Beating the Burglar



Everyone enjoys having a well kept, attractive garden and there's no reason why upping the security in your garden should mean otherwise.

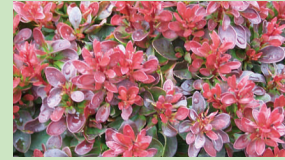
'Defensive Planting' is the term used to describe the way you can use certain prickly plants, bushes and shrubs to deter burglars.

This green-leafed security measure is not meant to replace, but to complement other security measures, such as lighting, locks and alarms.

Grow Your own Security: A Few Examples

Berberis

Has sharp spine-like prickles. Reaches 6ft. Good for hedging and growing walls.



Rosa Rugosa "Rubra"

A flowering shrub with densely prickled stems. Can reach 6ft. Excellent as an impenetrable hedge.



Pyracantha

A vigorous evergreen shrub with white flowers in may, followed by orange or red berries. Great for hedging, growing under windows or around doorways.



Holly

Usually grown as a small tree or large bush. Can reach up to 50ft. Spiny, glossy dark green leaves all year round. Excellent hedging plant.



This list is by no means exhaustive. Hawthorn, Japonica and Acanthus are just a few other examples. Ask for advice at your local garden centre.

Location, Location, Location!

Think about using defensive planting around vulnerable areas such as:

- Windows
- Fences
- Boundary Walls
- Drainpipes

