

Shed Security

- Fit a good quality padlock and hasp to the shed door, securing it with sturdy bolts so that it cannot be forced open.
- Drill a hole at both sides of every hinge and fit a dome headed coach bolt so that the door cannot be opened by undoing the screws.
- If there is a window fitted, cover it with a piece of curtain, net curtain or opaque sticky plastic so the contents are hidden.
- Fit a metal grill or iron bars across the window to prevent easy access.
- Lock as many items as possible together in the shed using a patio lock. This makes it simple for you to remove items but impossible for a burglar without a lot of effort. An anchorage point can be installed in the floor or to the wall of the shed.
- Engrave garden tools and power tools with your postcode and house number or the first 3 letters of the house name if there is no number. This makes the item easily identifiable and worth a lot less money to the burglar. (The Haltemprice Crime Prevention Panel will do this for you if you give us your details - Contact Phil or Jean if you want this doing and they will pass us your request.)
- Fit a shed door alarm (HCPP can provide these as well).

Garage Security

- If your garage has an up and over door, fit a lockable bolt to both corners and drill into the concrete so the garage door cannot be simply forced open.
- If you have two hinged doors, fit a steel bar, which firmly secures both doors. Fit coach bolts to the hinges if appropriate.
- If your garage has a side window, cover it with a curtain, net curtain or opaque plastic.
- If appropriate, fit a metal grid or bars across the window.
- Do not leave your garage door/s open for long periods of time as this allows people to take note of articles of value and where they are stored to make the burglary more slick.
- Postcode mark tools stored in your garage (see above).
- Lock things together if appropriate, using a wall or floor anchor.
- Garage your car whenever possible as this will protect your car from theft or damage as well as reducing your insurance premium. It also makes it less obvious for people to tell if you are in or out.
- If you have a side or end door to the garage, use coach bolts on the hinges if appropriate.
- If you have an access door into the house, make sure this is kept locked using a 5 lever lock.
- Electrically operated garage doors are normally very secure.

HCPP can provide you with Cycle Passports which contain a picture of the cycle and all relevant information in case of theft. These are free of charge. A bit of thought and care will make life very difficult for prospective burglars. The people who burgle sheds and garages are normally very lazy and if they come across difficulties, they will give up and find an easier target! If you want further help, please contact the Police Community Team at Kirkella Police Station. They will be very keen to help you.

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