

## **CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE**

### **REDUCING THE ODDS OF BECOMING A VICTIM OF BURGLARY**

Thankfully, in Dorset, we enjoy low odds of being targeted by burglars, by comparison to some other parts of the country. We can still significantly reduce those odds by adopting simple regimes when we circulate around our houses, or leave them unattended, even for the shortest of periods.

- DON'T leave external doors or windows insecure when away from the house, even for short periods.
- DON'T leave external doors or windows insecure when in the garden, or when occupying a different part of the house for any length of time. It can take less than a minute for a burglar to enter and steal your property.
- DON'T leave portable valuables in view, near windows or external doors, e.g. handbags, wallets, car keys, jewellery etc.
- DO lock all external doors and windows at night.
- DO remove keys from windows and doors. Keep them to hand but out of sight and reach of windows.

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