

# LIGHT IT – LOCK IT – LIST IT

## HOW SECURE IS YOUR HOME?

### Daily security

- Keep all wallets, credit cards and car keys out of sight and out of reach.
- If you leave your house empty, even if you are in the back garden, lock all the doors and windows.
- An intruder alarm can be an effective deterrent against burglars, seek advice to ensure it is the most suitable for your needs.
- Make it a habit to mark your valuables by using your postcode and house number or name. (Use a UV Pen)
- Some articles are unsuitable for marking so photograph then next to a ruler.
- Register your property at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

### After Dark

- Leave some lights on if it will be dark before you get home.
- When you go out in the evening, always leave a light on in a room that cannot be peered into from the road.
- Fit security lighting – either dusk to dawn energy efficient lighting that will come on automatically as dusk sets in, or infrared activated lighting which draws attention to movement.

### Front door security

- Don't let anyone into your home that you don't know. Always ask for identification – official visitors won't mind being asked for ID.
- Fit a door chain or bar and, if you have a solid front door a wide angle door viewer.

### In the garden

- Ensure that gates or access to the rear of the house are locked and secure.
- Trim overgrown plants – don't give burglars a hiding place.
- Secure garden tools and ladders in a locked shed or garage to prevent them being used to break into your home.