

No Fear in the New Year

Beat the Boom Time for Crime

Did you know that January is the worst time for burglaries? Research from insurance companies shows that whilst even criminals take Christmas off, January means houses full of new presents and that makes for a boom time for crime! So this New Year, make staying safe and sound the one resolution you don't break. Fortunately it's simple to do according to Rex Atkins from Sterling Locks.

Rex says "Get a Gatekeeper"

"The one thing that invites burglars is opportunity. A sturdy **padlock** on a garden gate not makes it difficult to get past, it also suggests that there will be more security challenges on the way. Fitting **British Standard Door locks** and **Window bolts** also means that you are less likely to be a victim. Remember; criminals want to be in and out as quickly as they can. The longer it takes, and the more noise it makes, the more likely they are to find an easier target."



"Shed the easy targets"

"Burglars don't go around with tools any more. Being caught 'going equipped' is enough to land them in court. Instead they're more likely to use the tools that *you* leave out for them, which are probably in your shed. Ladders will help them gain access to upper floors, whilst anything that can be used as a lever can break open doors or windows. A good lock on the shed is the best way to keep them out. Once inside, lock items together with **locking cables** like **Link&Lock**, which makes them hard to move and harder to steal. "

Top Tip: A wheelie bin makes a good ladder too! Link & Lock Cables can be used to make sure your wheelie bin stays put, and doesn't become part of a criminal conspiracy!

“Don’t Advertise ‘Situation: Vacant”

“How do burglars know you’re not at home? Most people know to leave a light on or to use timer switches, but the biggest giveaway is a huge pile of post on the hallway floor. This is why more people are choosing to use lockable **post boxes**. Not only do they keep post safe from the weather and light fingers, they also mean that no-one can tell how much there is, so you’re never advertising your absence.

Sterling’s range of post boxes comes in a number of difference colours and styles meaning that there’s one for any property.”

With high quality security products available at great value prices from Sterling, staying safe and sound needn’t break the bank. And once the house is secured, you can relax for the rest of the year in the knowledge that you’ve done your bit to beat the burglars. For more information about protecting your home, visit www.sterlinglocks.com

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