



Crime Prevention Advice

Garage and shed breaks

We would like to make you aware that there have been incidents of breaks into sheds and garages in your area.

Our aim is not to scare you, but to raise your awareness, and to ask you to be extra vigilant.

To reduce the risk of being a victim of crime, follow these simple precautions:

- Consider fitting an alarm to your garage or shed – most DIY stores stock battery operated alarms suitable for this purpose
- Always mark the property you keep within your garage or shed as this will help identification if they are stolen and recovered. Keep a list of property with photographs if possible.
- Make sure your garage or shed is fitted with a good strong lock, padlock, door hinges or other security advice such as a Garage Defender.
- Make sure items kept inside the garage or shed are secure – large items can be padlocked together or you could sink a post into the floor of the garage and padlock any items to the post.
- Always remember to lock your garage or shed after use.
- Do not store large quantities of valuables in your garage and shed. Consider other forms of storage.
- If your garage and shed is not in regular use, ensure that you visit it regularly to check for any signs of damage, or ask a neighbour or friend to keep an eye on it.
- Keep property and fencing in good repair and ensure that foliage/trees etc are kept trimmed.
- Check with your insurance company that you are covered for items stored in your garage or shed.

Report any suspicious activity to the police on 101 or anonymously via the Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555 111.

For further advice please contact your local Safer Neighbourhoods Team or visit www.hampshire.police.uk and type in your postcode to find our local policing pages.

For non emergencies dial 101, in an emergency dial 999.

Speak to your local Safer Neighbourhoods Team when you see them out and about.

