

Safer homes: Information and advice to reduce deliberate fires





DELIBERATE FIRES –

Advice to help you reduce the threat to your home and neighbourhood

Reduce access to your property for trespassers and opportunist arsonists:

- **Secure your boundary**, repair or block gaps in hedges, walls or fences
- If you have gates **close and lock** them
- **Secure sheds, garages** and other outbuildings with padlocks or similar
- **Fit external lighting** to alert you to intruders

Manage your refuse – so there are no fuel sources for opportunists:

- **Clear any rubbish** from garden, behind sheds etc.
- **Store wheelie bins securely**, away from property and out of sight
- **Put bins out on collection day** and bring them back in asap
- Large items like **furniture**, old vehicles or rubble provide a fuel source, contact your local council for advice on removal of bulky waste
- Report dumped waste and overgrown hedges to **www.fixmystreet.com**
- If you have issues with neighbours re: rubbish, bonfires etc contact your council



Keep your home and vehicles secure:

- **Close windows and keep doors locked**
- Close blinds/curtains at night to reduce visibility of your valuables
- Park on your drive or in a secure, well-lit area and remove valuables from your vehicle
- If considering CCTV it should only cover your property and to support a prosecution needs to be 4 megapixels and have resolution of min. 1080p

Look out for your neighbourhood:

- Well-lit areas are less likely to be targeted
- Report fly-tipping, broken street lights etc. to **www.fixmystreet.com**
- Report incidents confidentially to **CrimeStoppers 0800 555111**
- Why not join your local neighbourhood watch **www.ourwatch.org.uk**

**Wheelie bin and letterbox locks
can be purchased from DIY stores.**

Improve your area and log your complaint



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www.fixmystreet.com





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CrimeStoppers.

Speak up. Stay safe.

0800 555 111

100% anonymous, Always

For further advice please visit
www.clevelandfire.gov.uk or ring **01429 872311**

