



# Are your garden and shed secure?

**Here are some basic tips for you if you are looking to make sure your garden and shed are as secure as possible.**

- Put gravel on paths and driveways to alert you to someone approaching
- Fix a wooden trellis to the top of fences as if climbed, it will break, creating noise and attracting attention.
- Ensure gates at the side or back of the house are kept locked with a good quality bolt and padlock.
- Do not leave ladders lying around.
- Install security lights to illuminate your garden.
- Keep shrubs, hedges and large plants cut back.
- The planting of a prickly hedge, such as firethorn, climbing rose or hawthorn, against existing fencing will act as a powerful deterrent.
- Speak to your local garden centre about plants which provide natural protection.

***For more information on home security visit:  
[www.west-midlands.police.uk/saferhomes](http://www.west-midlands.police.uk/saferhomes)***



# Shed security

- Lock sheds with a padlock or mortise deadlock as they often contain tools suitable for breaking into your home.
- Check to see if your shed has sustained any damage after the Winter months which may make access easy for a burglar.
- If your shed has windows, consider putting net or curtains up
- Consider installing a battery operated shed alarm
- Chain cycles, mowers, ladders and stools together inside the shed
- Consider having lockable steel boxes fitted to the floor of your shed to store tools in