

While time has moved on into the new year, please continue to be mindful of the following regarding security of your property.

# 1. Keep valuables out of view

Keeping them out of sight removes the temptation for a criminal to try their luck.

## 2. Make your home look occupied

Even if you are only popping out for a couple of minutes, taking simple measures such as leaving a light or radio on will help create the illusion someone is home. Timer switches are great tools for showing activity within the home by switching lights on and off.

### 3. Lock all of your windows and doors

Remember to double-check that all your doors and windows are secure before leaving home.

### 4. Don't overshare on Social Media

Avoid sharing too much information about where you are, when you're going, or what you've got. Don't 'check-in' and be careful when posting pictures. Criminals are increasingly using sites such as Facebook and Twitter to identify potential targets.

### 5. Make sure someone's home to take deliveries

If you're expecting a delivery, make sure someone is there to receive it. Avoid giving permission for packages to be left on the door step where an opportunist thief could quickly grab them.