

Neighbourhood **policing**

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BEAT THE BURGLAR

Don't make it **EASY** for them to



It is not enough for the police alone to fight crime. Reducing the risk of crime and fear of crime is a task for the police and the community working together. You can help yourself by taking a few common sense measures to:

On the whole, burglary is an opportunist crime. In fact, statistics show that if householders were to keep their doors locked and windows closed, around 70% of all burglaries to the home could be prevented.

As the weather gets warmer, people spend more time outside in the garden or leave doors and windows open. This is an open invitation for sneak-in burglars. It only takes a few minutes for a thief to grab such things as car keys, mobile phones, handbags or wallets.

Further advice on preventing crime can be obtained from members of your Neighbourhood Policing Team or from one of our specialist Crime Reduction Officers. Visit our website: www.humberside.police.uk

Don't help sneak thieves, they only take a few seconds to steal something. This type of crime accounts for 60% of all house burglary offences.

CUT OUT AND KEEP

- **Lock** your door straight away when you come home from work or shopping.
- If you are upstairs, **make sure** that ground floor windows and doors are secure.
- **Lock** windows even when giving the house some ventilation.
- If you are in the back garden, **make sure** your front door is locked - even if you are just hanging out the washing.
- **Take advantage** of safety features you already have, such as safety catches on windows or door chains. Have door and window chimes fitted.
- **Don't** leave keys or valuables in open view or by a door or window.
- **Make sure** you have all your property marked for identification.
- **Remember** that untrimmed hedges or high fences prevent natural surveillance and can allow a prospective burglar to attack your home without being seen.

Contact Humberside Police on
0845 60 60 222



victims, targeting criminals