

SHED BURGLARIES

Garden sheds, outbuildings and garages with tools, machinery and other valuables offer easy pickings. By taking the right precautions you can reduce the opportunities for thieves and ensure that if your property is stolen, there's a better chance of it being returned.

- Always put tools and equipment away– items left outside could be stolen or used to break in
- Disable lawn mowers and other large machinery when not in use and chain items together
- Record details of your property (make, model, serial number and identifying marks) and take photographs
- Use close shackle padlocks to secure sheds and install shed alarms and security lights
- Register your valuables on the National Property Database –www.immobilise.com
- Security-mark your property using a UV pen or a forensic marking solution
- Ensure the screws are not accessible when using a hasp and staple lock or pad bolts
- Prevent unwanted visitors from entering your garden by maintaining hedges and fences
- Close your garden gate and lock it from the inside
- Use lockable hanging baskets or fix baskets to brackets
- Don't leaving doors and windows open or unlocked when working in the garden