



# Lock up, light up

Every evening, and before you go away

The Gardaí's own advice. Tick each line as you lock up.



## Every evening

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Every door locked (front, back and side), even when you are at home

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Every window shut and locked, even a small one left open for air

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Keys out of the locks, away from windows and the letterbox  
Somewhere everyone in the house can find them quickly in a fire.

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Some lights on, or on timers  
Not just the porch or hall light.

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Shed, garage and side gate locked; ladders and tools put away

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Alarm set when you go out, if you have one

**23.9%**

of burglaries of homes over the last three winters were through an unsecured door.

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## Useful numbers

Neighbour \_\_\_\_\_

Garda station \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency **999 or 112**



## Before you go away

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Lamps on timers in different rooms, and a radio on a timer

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Outside lights on a sensor or a timer

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A trusted neighbour will check the house and take in the post  
And open and close the curtains. Or use An Post's MailMinder (for a fee).

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Milk, papers and other deliveries stopped

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Grass cut and hedges trimmed

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Local Garda station told the house will be empty

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Nothing about the trip on social media until you are home

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No large amounts of cash or jewellery left in the house

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Every door and window locked, and the alarm set



## One thing to do this week

Put a lamp in a front room on a plug-in timer, set to come on before dark, so the house looks lived in.

- Free advice: ask your local Garda station for the **Crime Prevention Officer**.