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# 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

- [ ] Every door locked (front, back and side), even when you are at home
- [ ] Every window shut and locked, even a small one left open for air
- [ ] Keys out of the locks, away from windows and the letterbox
  Somewhere everyone in the house can find them quickly in a fire.
- [ ] Some lights on, or on timers
  Not just the porch or hall light.
- [ ] Shed, garage and side gate locked; ladders and tools put away
- [ ] Alarm set when you go out, if you have one

**Someone in your house? Ring 999 or 112**

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# Before you go away

- [ ] Lamps on timers in different rooms, and a radio on a timer
- [ ] Outside lights on a sensor or a timer
- [ ] 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).
- [ ] Milk, papers and other deliveries stopped
- [ ] Grass cut and hedges trimmed
- [ ] Local Garda station told the house will be empty
- [ ] Nothing about the trip on social media until you are home
- [ ] No large amounts of cash or jewellery left in the house
- [ ] Every door and window locked, and the alarm set

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## 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**.

## Useful numbers

**Neighbour** _____

**Family** _____

**Garda station** _____

**Emergency** **999 or 112**

**Other numbers**

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