

# SECURE HOME WHILE AWAY

Quick and easy things to do before you go  
on holiday!

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## Newspapers and letters

This is the first sign that no one is around. You need to arrange with a neighbour, friend or even pay a student to come around and collect these on a daily basis.

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## BINS! BINS! BINS!

Make sure your bins still get taken out, even if they are empty. Ask your neighbour to keep them or a family member to take them out for you. Also try get someone to tend to your garden while away.

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## Lights, Camera, Action!

Imagine looking from the outside inwards. At night do you see lights on and off? Curtains open in the day or closed all day? Action happening inside? Music, people, kids, etc.

Buy cheap timer switches or ask you sparkie for help

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## Be Discreet

I know you are excited, however keep it to yourself! This includes packing the car discreetly. I have seen many a home burgled the same night people have left for holiday. Dont put expensive boxes outside before you leave EG: Empty flat screen TV boxes

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## Lock Away Valuables

If all else fails and they get in, make sure your valuables are not easily found. Investing in a solid safe is a great way to achieve this! Or ask family members to take you valuable while you are away, EG: Jewelery.

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## Have Someone Stay Over

This is by far the best solution. Ask a family member to stay over or even a student. If you have pets its best to keep them there too! Just make sure the person is responsible. Leave all necessary details for that person.

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## Physical Security

Most expensive but most important. Have you got CCTV, Alarm system, intercom? Do they connect to your mobile while on holiday? Have you got enough lighting? Does it all work? Check and fix it well before you leave.