



# Crime Prevention Advice Shed/garage breaks

**Fleet Safer Neighbourhoods Teams, in association with the local Neighbourhood Watch, would like to make you aware that there have been incidents of breaks into sheds and garages in your area.**

Our aim is not to scare you, but to raise your awareness, and to ask you to be extra vigilant.

To reduce the risk of being a victim of crime, follow these simple precautions:

- Consider fitting an alarm to your shed or garage – most DIY stores stock battery operated alarms suitable for this purpose
- Always mark the property you keep within your garage or shed as this will help identification if they are stolen and recovered. Keep a list of property with photographs if possible.
- Make sure your garage or shed is fitted with a good strong lock, padlock, door hinges or other security advice such as a Garage Defender.
- Ensure that glass in any windows to garages or sheds is secure and that you have window locks fitted if appropriate. You could consider putting up curtains to prevent anyone seeing the contents of your garage or shed
- Make sure items kept inside the garage or shed are secure – large items can be padlocked together or you could sink a post into the floor of the garage or shed and padlock any items to the post.
- Always remember to lock your shed or garage after use.
- Do not store large quantities of valuables in your shed/garage. Consider other forms of storage.
- If your garage is not in regular use, ensure that you visit it regularly to check for any signs of damage, or ask a neighbour or friend to keep an eye on it.
- Keep property and fencing in good repair and ensure that foliage/trees etc are kept trimmed.
- Check with your insurance company that you are covered for items stored in your shed/garage.

**Report any suspicious activity to the police on 0845 045 45 45 or anonymously via the Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555 111.**

For further advice please contact your local Safer Neighbourhoods team on the details below, or visit [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk) and type in your postcode to find our local policing pages.

**For non emergencies dial 101, in an emergency dial 999.**

To get in contact directly with the team call 0845 045 45 45, email us at [fleet.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:fleet.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk) or visit [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk)

**Speak to your local Safer Neighbourhoods Team when you see them out and about.**

