



Summer Sense — Security

At holiday times we are all likely to overlook some of the basic precautions we would normally take with respect to security. Listed below are eight reminders.

1. Watch out, there's a thief about. Money in purses and wallets is particularly attractive to the pickpocket - consider distributing your money amongst several pockets. Items you buy are more secure in a zippered bag than in an open plastic carrier bag.
2. If you are using a car for outings, when you park the car make sure all contents are out of sight, preferably in the boot.
3. To obtain money for the holidays, avoid vulnerable situations such as withdrawing cash from an isolated ATM (automatic teller machine) at night.
4. If you have guests staying with you, explain how you secure your house, such as locking windows and doors and setting the burglar alarm. Let them know the escape route in the event of fire.
5. When going on holiday, take the usual precautions of making it appear that you are at home. Ask a neighbour to keep a watch on your property.
6. Open windows are good for letting in air during the hot days but they may also let in a burglar.
7. Lock doors and secure downstairs windows when going out to the garden. Also set the burglar alarm. (Nationally, 33% of all burglaries are due to leaving windows or doors open)
8. Can passers-by see what you have in your garage or shed if the doors are left open — they may be tempted to come back later? Stolen implements could be used for break-ins. No car in the garage could signal you are out.



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