



SHED AND GARAGE SECURITY

Outdoors

You can make it difficult for a thief to get into your garden.

- Fit lights which come on when it gets dark and turn themselves off when it gets light. Alternatively, install lights that come on automatically if movement is sensed.
- Make sure all fences are in good repair and that the panels cannot easily be moved or lifted. The height for a perimeter fence or wall around the back garden is 1.8 metres (6 ft). Attaching trellis to the top of the wood panels can increase the height of the fence and act as a further deterrent. There are no restrictions or guidelines for toppings if the boundary enclosure is no greater than 2 metres. The Planning and Building (General Development) (Jersey) Order 2011 grants consent for the erection of a wall, gate, fence or other boundary enclosure provided that it is no higher than 2 metres, or if within 2 metres of a road, no higher than 900mm. There are no conditions relating to material type or toppings.
- Fit a padlock or bolt on the inside of all garden gates for security.
- Laying a thick gravel path makes it impossible for a thief to approach without making a noise and is a good crime reduction alternative to slabs and concrete.
- Plant protection is another way of guarding your property. A selection of thorny bushes and prickly plants planted near to potential access routes, such as fences and walls, are not only a visual deterrent but also a physical barrier to intruders. The States of Jersey Police document "Defensive Planting Information" shows the advantages of Defensive Planting and provides a list of shrubs suitable for this purpose.
- While these methods are ideal for making forced entry difficult through natural means, they should not replace traditional security measures such as padlocks, bolts and chains.





Getting in touch

In an emergency

For example when life is in danger **999**

Or a crime is being committed, dial **999**

In a non-emergency

For example not requiring immediate police attendance

We have one telephone number for the whole of Jersey, **612612**
staffed 24-hours a day – dial **(01534) 612612**

If you have information about a crime

You can contact **Crimestoppers**, which is anonymous, on **0800 555 111**

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Don't let green fingered thieves spring clean your shed

Sheds

- Make sure that the shed is near to the house or clearly visible from the house.
- Make sure that the door, door frame and walls are solid and replace any damaged or rotten areas with new sections.
- Often sheds are left unlocked or without any appropriate security, such as padlocks, chains or lighting. By installing these simple items you can give better protection to your property.
- Replace broken glass panes with laminated glass or anti shatter film. Fit windows with a grille fixed to steel plates inside the shed.
- Fit key-operated window locks on opening windows. If the windows are never opened, screw them permanently shut from the inside.
- Use metal rings and chains fixed to the shed frame with security screws to enable you to secure your electrical items, ladders and tools.
- Fit a battery powered alarm. These can be purchased from DIY stores and garden centres.
- Make sure your household insurance policy covers theft from your garden and outbuildings.



Garages

- If you have a household alarm fitted, consider extending the system into the garage area to detect intruders.
- Purchase a separate garage alarm, which can be connected to a standard electrical 240v socket with a three-pin plug.
- Fit a garage door blocker on the outside of the door. This product bolts permanently to the floor, has a large 'T' bar shaped restrictor and a quality locking device.
- Many people take a great deal of trouble securing their house and the property within it but what about sheds and garages? With the array of lawnmowers, power tools, garden equipment, bicycles, sports and other valuable equipment kept in them, security measures should certainly be put in place.
- Consider fitting a pair of garage door locks that are fitted either vertically or horizontally and can be locked either from the inside or outside of the garage.
- Install dead bolts mounted one on each edge of the door inside the garage. When in use, the locks throw a bolt into the doorframe or the concrete floor of the garage.
- Various good quality 'up and over' or 'rolling' deadlocking door handles can be purchased to replace the existing poor quality locks to give better security.
- Consider purchasing loop cables. These have a long braided steel cable and a two-bolt anchor locking point. These fix to garage walls or floors and can be passed through expensive property such as quad bikes, etc. Some cables are alarmed.



Property

Gardening tools and garden furniture are not cheap – what's more they are very saleable items for the thief.

Don't make it easy for them to be stolen, and remember that tools stolen from your shed could be used to burgle your house.

- Postcode or property mark anything in your shed or garage that is of value and might be stolen, for example, lawnmowers, garden furniture, bicycles, sports equipment. Burglary Packs are available free of charge at the States of Jersey Police Enquiry Desk, and contain stickers and ultra violet pens. The packs also have stickers to display in the front and back windows of your home to show that you have marked your belongings.
- Take photographs of expensive items – they may be useful to police for identifying the goods and returning them to you, should you be unfortunate enough to have them stolen.

Never leave garden tools and equipment outside, even if you are just popping back into the house. It only takes minutes for an opportunist thief to take them.

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