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Top 10 tips to keep safe this summer

1. Take your keys out of the window locks so they cannot be seen from the outside.
2. Keep track of your keys. Some insurers may want to see evidence of forced entry before deciding whether or not to pay out on a claim but most would expect to see that you have taken reasonable precautions.
3. If you lose your keys or they are stolen and you have good reason to believe that they could be traced back to your home address (eg your handbag is stolen with your address in the bag as well as the keys), then you should have your locks replaced.
4. If you have small, high value items in a shed or outdoors, think about bringing them indoors. Thieves at present are stealing high value garden ornaments in our area.
5. Make sure outbuildings including sheds and garages are locked. Keep back gates locked and check fencing is secure.
6. Secure outside ladders so they cannot be used as a tool to help break into your house.
7. If you have a burglar alarm, use it – it is an extra level of security.
8. Report a theft to the police as soon as possible and obtain a crime reference number. This makes it easier for your insurer to deal with a claim and increases the chances of the police making a recovery/arrest. To contact the police if you suspect criminal offences are taking place use the 999 system. Ring 101 the non-emergency number to register crime incidents. To report a crime anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.
9. Be sensible about the information you post online and be especially cautious if you plan to go away. Update your privacy and security settings on a regular basis.
10. Take photographs of valuables and keep receipts or valuations and record serial numbers as this may help the police recover items following a theft. Consider registering on www.immobilise.com – this is supported by most UK police forces.