

TOP TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR SHED

Secure your shed

- **Cover** your shed windows to hide the contents.
- **Security mark** your garden tools and possessions with a bold marker pen, including your postcode and house number. Lawn mowers and other tools are less attractive to a thief if you write your postcode and house number across the top.
- If you have a ladder out, put it on its side and lock it to a secure fixture with a padlock or a heavy duty chain. You don't want thieves to use your own tools to break into your house.
- **Fit a decent lock to your shed door.** The fittings should be bolted through the door and reinforced at the back with a steel plate.
- **Padlocks** used externally should be no less than 6cm wide and made of hardened steel. A 'closed shackle' type is best, as thieves cannot get the likes of a crowbar through the shackle to break it.
- Consider fitting any shed windows with an **internal grille** fixed to steel plates.
- For sheds that have exterior door hinges - **replace existing screws with security screws.** They are designed so that they cannot be unscrewed once they are screwed in.
- **Check that your house insurance** policy covers items in your garage, sheds and outbuildings.

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