



A pocket guide to **REDUCING DELIBERATE FIRES**



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ADVICE TO HELP YOU REDUCE THE THREAT TO YOUR HOME AND NEIGHBOURHOOD

Reduce access to your property for trespassers and opportunist arsonists:

- **Secure your boundary**, repair or block gaps in hedges, walls or fences
- If you have gates **close and lock** them
- **Secure sheds, garages** and other outbuildings with padlocks or similar



- **Fit external lighting** to alert you to intruders



MANAGE YOUR REFUSE – SO THERE ARE NO FUEL SOURCES FOR OPPORTUNISTS:

- **Clear any rubbish** from garden, behind sheds etc.
- **Store wheelie bins securely**, away from property and out of sight
- **Put bins out on collection day** and bring them back in asap
- Large items like **furniture**, old vehicles or rubble provide a fuel source, contact your local council for advice on removal of bulky waste
- Report dumped waste and overgrown hedges to www.fixmystreet.com
- If you have issues with neighbours regarding rubbish, bonfires etc. contact your council



KEEP YOUR HOME AND VEHICLES SECURE:



- Close windows and keep doors locked
- Close blinds/curtains at night to reduce visibility of your valuables
- Park on your drive or in a secure, well-lit area and remove valuables from your vehicle
- If considering CCTV it should only cover your property and to support a prosecution needs to be 4 megapixels and have resolution of min. 1080p

LOOK OUT FOR YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD:

- Well-lit areas are less likely to be targeted
- Report fly-tipping, broken street lights etc. to www.fixmystreet.com
- Report incidents confidentially to **CrimeStoppers 0800 555111**
- Why not join your local neighbourhood watch at www.ourwatch.org.uk



Wheelie bin and letterbox locks can be purchased from DIY stores.

Tell us what you know about deliberate fire-setting in your area

You can do this via our FireStoppers service which is completely anonymous.

All you need to do is call our dedicated phone number, **0800 169 5558**, or fill out our online form



USEFUL CONTACTS

We offer home safety visits to people who are considered to be at particular risk of fire.

To find out whether you are eligible for a visit you can complete an online home safety check at: www.syfire.gov.uk/safety-advice/request-a-visit/, scan the code opposite, or call **0114 253 2314**.



Hard of Hearing text line: **07537 416095** and ensure you put **HOH** at the start of the text.

For safety advice and tips on staying safe at home visit www.syfire.gov.uk/safety-advice/ or scan the code opposite.



Anonymously report any information you have on deliberate fire-setting:

Call: **0800 169 5558**

Visit: www.firestoppersreport.co.uk

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