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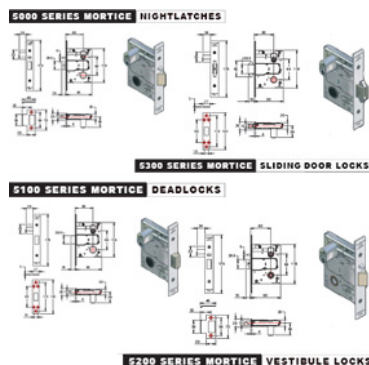
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Crime prevention advice for autumn/winter

Autumn is upon us and winter draws near so it is high time to think how you can stop yourself becoming a victim of crime during the shorter days and longer nights. Traditionally during autumn and winter, the Police see a rise in crime, especially when the clocks go back. So what can you do to reduce the chances of becoming a victim?



1. Use time switches to turn on lights & radios etc, especially if you are out for the evening. Remember with a light on and the radio/TV playing to give the impression the house is occupied and is less likely to be targeted.
2. Ensure that your house is protected by adequate locks to the front door, back door and windows. Ideally the doors should have 5 lever mortise dead locks that comply with British Standards. This may be a condition of your house hold insurance. For those with UPVC doors and multipoint locking systems please check with your insurance company. You don't want to be caught out.



3. Get a letterbox deflector fitted to your door. This reduces the opportunity for offenders to use their hand or an implement to operate the door lock, to 'fish' for keys that have been left nearby or to look through the letterbox & see who is in the house.