



Shuttle to South Terminal & Train station

**While you are
away on holiday,
your home could be
at a greater risk of
being broken into.**

We would like to offer some tips to help you make your home more secure and to reduce this risk whilst you are away.

- ❑ Make your home look occupied by asking a trusted relative, neighbour or friend to check your home, collect mail, water plants and to park their car on your drive etc.
- ❑ Consider using the Royal Mail's "Keep Safe" service – They will keep your mail for up to two months while you're away.
- ❑ Don't leave curtains closed in the daytime as this shows the house is empty.
- ❑ Use automatic timer switches to turn your lights on when it is dark.
- ❑ Cancel regular deliveries such as newspapers and milk.
- ❑ Avoid discussing holiday plans publicly on social media or where you may be overheard by strangers.
- ❑ Cut your lawn before you go.
- ❑ Consider leaving important documents and valuable items with other family members, a bank or in a safe.
- ❑ Consider leaving valuable items kept in your shed in the house.
- ❑ Put all your tools, including ladders, away so they can't be used to break into your house.
- ❑ Don't forget to lock all external doors and windows removing and hiding keys.
- ❑ And finally lock/padlock any external gates and set the burglar alarm if you have one.

If something is stolen report it to us online at [sussex.police.uk](https://www.sussex.police.uk) or by calling **101**. Call **999** if the crime is happening now.



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