



Are your garden and shed secure?

Here are some basic tips for you to follow to make your garden and shed as secure as possible.

- Put gravel on paths and driveways to alert you to someone approaching
- Fix a wooden trellis to the top of fences as if climbed, it will break, creating noise and attracting attention
- Ensure gates at the side or back of the house are kept locked with a good quality bolt and padlock
- Do not leave ladders lying around
- Install security lights to illuminate your garden
- Keep shrubs, hedges and large plants cut back
- The planting of a prickly hedge, such as firethorn, climbing rose or hawthorn, against existing fencing will act as a powerful deterrent
- Speak to your local garden centre about plants which provide natural protection

**For more information on home security visit:
www.west-midlands.police.uk/saferhomes**