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Dear Reader

The best deterrent to burglary is being **PREPARED!** Taking a few minutes to read this '**Guide to Home Security**' will ensure you are protected against the devastating effects a burglary can have.

Keyhole Surgery Locksmiths' [Safety Audit](#) will provide you with even more protection!

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The thief is on the lookout for an empty house - it need only be empty for a short amount of time, perhaps while you are out shopping or visiting a neighbour. You might even be just out in the garden. They are looking for quick and easy ways in and easy ways out again.

Now consider your own home. If you locked yourself out could you get back in again easily? Do you know of a window that has a loose catch that can be knocked open from the outside? Or a door that has a weak lock and opens under shoulder pressure? Or where there are some ladders you can use to reach an open upstairs window? If you can get back into your own house without keys, so can a burglar and they won't mind if they do some damage in the process.

Remember that the back of your house is more at risk than the front. Approximately 60% of burglars break in from the back of a property where they are less conspicuous and can therefore work at ease. Many burglaries also occur in the day when noises such as breaking glass attract less attention than at night time.

Home security is all about making life as difficult and as risky as possible for the potential burglar. Your house needs to appear as unattractive as possible to them. They must be made to believe that there might just be someone at home. They need to be made aware that you, the homeowner, have taken steps to make life difficult for them. They need to be made to feel unsure so that they will go elsewhere. It is not difficult or expensive to achieve this.

Anything which delays them will deter them and the best deterrents are quality locks fitted to all the vulnerable entry and access points. Door and window locks will deter many casual thieves who are looking for a quick and profitable opportunity.

At night good approach lighting is also worthwhile so that your house is well illuminated, making a burglar very conspicuous. This is best achieved using exterior Passive Infra Red Sensors - PIRs - controlling floodlights. Another deterrent - especially for the more determined burglar - is a complete Burglar Alarm system installed in the house and made obvious by the siren housing sited on the house wall.

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What credit facilities do you offer?

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Why should I use Keyhole Surgery Locksmiths?

Is my home/business premises insurance valid with my current door locks?

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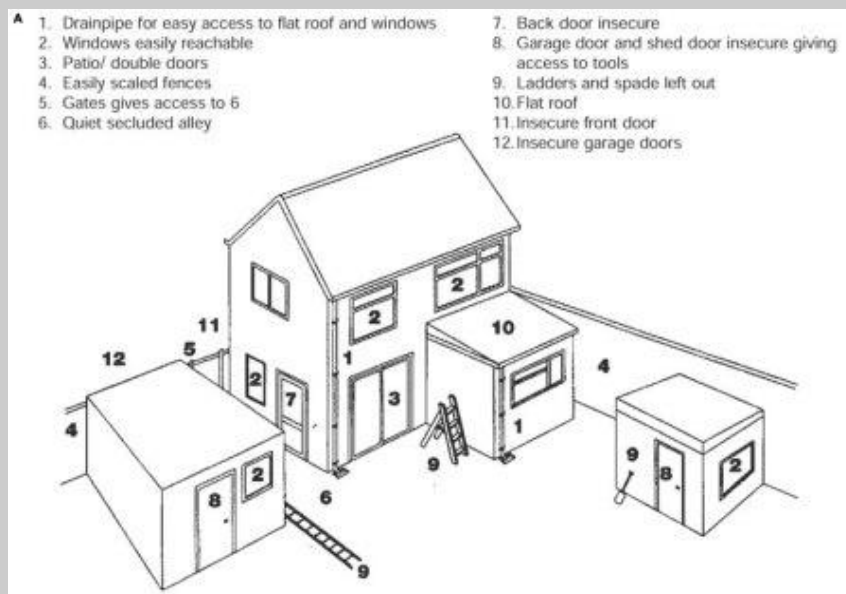
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GUIDE TO HOME SECURITY

This diagram shows the risk areas around a house and some of the 'aids' which can help a burglar.

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