

Lock Out  
the  
Sneak Thief



ADVICE & INFORMATION FROM  
YOUR BURGLARY REDUCTION GROUP





Do you lock the door straight away when you return from the shops laden with shopping or as soon as you get in after being out at work?



Do you bother locking up when you're outside in the garden? Or on Bonfire Night or when the presents are round the Christmas Tree?



Nearly half of the burglaries in Harrogate District are committed by sneak thieves who strike when the householder is either in the house or has left doors or windows unlocked.



Just a few seconds is all a sneak thief needs to open the back door, lift the wallet or handbag, or the car keys and anything else of value that he can reach.

## *You can prevent sneak-in burglaries:*



Lock the doors behind you when you come back into your house, or when you are in the garden.

Remember, open windows are an invitation to a sneak thief.

Don't leave valuables by an open door or window.

Get advice on upgrading your home security. Contact the Police or Community Safety Dept.

HELP THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP TO  
REDUCE BURGLARY.

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## The Partners:



Harrogate Borough Council , North Yorkshire Police, North Yorkshire County Council, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, Ambulance Service, North Yorkshire Education Dept., North Yorkshire Social Services, Probation Service, Youth Offending Teams, Youth Enquiry Service, Drug and Alcohol Reference Group, Local Media, Magistrates, Community and Police Groups, Business Community and Chambers of Trade, Elected Members - County, Elected Members - District, Organisations representing elderly people, Organisations representing minority groups, Disability Groups, Councils for Voluntary Service, Harrogate Health Care Trust, Neighbour-hood Watch, Parish Councils, Pub Watch Groups, Religious Groups, Residents Associations, Retailers, Schools and Colleges, Victim Support, and members of the community.

Get advice on Home Security from:

[www.crimereduction.gov.uk](http://www.crimereduction.gov.uk)

Police Community Safety Dept.

Tel: 01423 539347

Safer Communities Partnership

Tel: 01423 556986

# REMEMBER



Sneak in Thieves  
only need a  
few seconds

**DON'T MAKE  
IT EASY  
FOR THEM**