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Dear Resident,

You are receiving this letter as we would like to reassure you that our Neighbourhood Policing Teams are in your area conducting high visibility patrols and providing advice to residents to help prevent any offences that may occur now that the darker night are drawing in.

As we are getting nearer to different festivities over the next few weeks such as Halloween, Bonfire and Christmas we would like to offer a few easy tips on keeping your home safe. This would include closing curtains when you have your lights on so as not to advertise what you have inside your home that may catch the eye of a criminal. Another simple tip is to leave a radio on a talk channel and your lights on when leaving your property unattended, think about purchasing a timer switch for your lights to come on at different times when you are not at home. All of these things can help reduce burglaries and prevent crime.

However, please be reassured that when a crime is committed officers will be allocated to investigate, identify and work towards prosecuting those responsible. Preventing burglary to residential properties in Slough is one of our highest priorities as we realise the impact it has on its victims.

A large amount of burglaries are committed by 'opportunists' who look to take advantage of open or unlocked doors and windows and in most cases these types of crimes can be prevented. A few common sense cost effective steps can reduce your vulnerability.

Improve your home security:

If you have access to the internet please go online and take five minutes, to complete the secure Home Security Assessment at:-

www.thecrimepreventionwebsite.com/.

Alternatively, overleaf is a home security checklist for you to look through.

Register your property:

Every year, property worth hundreds of pounds is recovered by the Police, but if not identified, it cannot be returned to its rightful owners. Any goods that you own containing a serial number can be registered, free of charge, using:-

www.immobilise.co.uk

This will help the police identify stolen property and get it returned to their rightful owner.



Home Security Checklist

Protecting your Home

- Fit a burglar alarm and use it
- Keep your burglar alarm maintained
- Think about where you keep valuable items
- Take a look at what is on display when you go to bed
- Lock your doors and windows before bed
- Consider installing CCTV cameras

Protecting yourself from Distraction Burglary

- Be wary of strangers looking to enter your home, this could be unexpected workmen
- If a workman has not booked an appointment with you, ask them for ID and check for a branded company vehicle
- Check their ID carefully
- Take your time to assess the situation, don't be hurried into allowing someone into your home

Finally

- Read our online Home Security Guide for detailed advice on how to protect your home from burglars
- If you have seen or heard something that you feel is suspicious, tell us using our website or call 101. If you believe that someone may be burgling your home, call 999.



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