Lock your doors and windows every time you leave your house or go to bed.

1. **With a PVCu or composite door with multipoint locking system:** lift the handle, lock the door and remove the key.

2. **With a wooden door:** make sure that you use the 5-lever mortise lock and the night latch or rim lock.

3. Keep your keys away from your front door, out of sight and not left near a window but readily available in case of an emergency.

4. Keep your money, gadgets and other valuables out of view from windows, doors or anywhere else they could be seen from outside.

5. Leave lights on timers or radios in the rooms you use the most, to make it look like you are in. For further information about TV simulators and other security suggestions visit our website.

If you have a burglar alarm, set it every time you leave the house or go to bed. For more information about burglar alarms, visit our website or buy it from a reputable company by visiting [www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk](http://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk), [www.nsi.org.uk](http://www.nsi.org.uk) or [www.ssaib.org](http://www.ssaib.org)

For more information about how to keep your home secure, visit: essex.police.uk/letstalk