



## Home security tips for detached houses

- Fit modern windows, for example double glazed, for added strength and security
- If windows are old, ensure they are well maintained and the putty is secure
- Ensure all entrance doors have at least two locks
- Ensure entrance doors have three hinges for added strength and security
- Ensure the back of the house is as well maintained and secure as the front
- Never leave keys in doors, even when locked
- Never leave keys or valuables within easy reach of letterboxes
- Ensure letterboxes are closed at the back to prevent looking or reaching through from the other side
- If cat/dog flaps are present, ensure they are lockable or activated by the pet only
- Ensure garden access gates have secure locks and three hinges where possible, and are kept closed
- If the garden has a fence, adding a trellis to the top will reduce potential hiding places and make it less secure for climbing
- Pay attention to items left outside which signify your absence, for example, leaving milk bottles outside, not putting the bin away, papers in the letterbox
- Fit blinds or net curtains to downstairs windows to prevent people looking in
- Ensure internal and external garage doors are as secure as the house doors and avoid gaps at the top and bottom of doors
- Ensure strong window locks are fitted to all conservatory panels and doors