



Home security tips for terraced 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. Especially where these link to communal access areas. If the garden has a fence, adding a trellis to the top will reduce potential hiding places and make it less secure for climbing
- Consider the possibility of potential burglars moving from one property to another along the row of houses
- Older terraced houses sometimes have open roof access allowing movement from one property to another – block your own roof space off from that of your neighbour
- 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