

Advice to landlords

Notes from Selly Oak Serious Acquisitive Crime group:

Burglary is usually forced entry via the rear door or access through an open window

Recommendations

Ensure that the rear entry door is “secured by design”.
Ensure restrictors are installed on every window.
Install a burglar alarm and safe.

At the start of the tenancy:

Give the alarm code to the tenants.

Ensure that tenants have a key to the rear/side entry gate, and ensure that the entry gate is locked at all times.

Ensure that tenants have the safe codes if a safe is provided.

Offer crime advice – leaflets and speak to the local police /PCSO.

Other measures:

Offer “Lo-jack” to your tenants - £10 per licence.

Do not have “To Let” boards and, if used, remove them as soon as a letting has been agreed.

When work is to be undertaken over the summer vacation:

Ensure the contractor does not leave the entry gate open.

Protect any property left over the summer.

Do not leave the building open and unattended.