

# Spring Offensive



Canterbury District  
Safer Community Partnership



working to reduce crime



## KEEPING YOUR SHED AND GARAGE SECURE

**Mark it and lock it  
or risk losing it**

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# Outbuilding Security

Garden sheds and garages are often easy targets for burglars who will steal tools, lawnmowers, bikes and electrical goods. Even if you don't keep anything of value in your shed, burglars can still use garden tools to break into your home.

By ensuring your shed is secure, the chance of becoming a victim of this type of crime is greatly reduced. Some suggested security measures are listed below. They will cost a fraction of the price of the goods they are protecting.

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## Locks and Fittings

Fit a closed shackle padlock and a tamper resistant hasp - these are very difficult to breach as all the fixings are hidden.

All fittings such as hinges should be secured with dome headed bolts or tamper proof screws.



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## Windows....

....should be fitted with wire mesh or bars on the inside of the frames, and fitted with laminated glass where possible - this makes it much more difficult for the thief to enter.

All opening windows should be fitted with key operated locks, or if they are never opened, screw them permanently shut from the inside.

Fit a net curtain or whitewash the windows - out of sight is out of mind!

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## Alarms

Sheds and outbuildings are usually attacked overnight in the quiet hours. The last thing a shed thief would want to hear is an alarm.

Simple shed alarms are extremely effective, can be fitted easily, and cost less than a decent paintbrush.



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## Property Marking

Marking your property with your postcode and house number makes it very unattractive to the criminal. He will find it very difficult to sell items which are marked, and would most certainly not want to be caught with them.

Use bold, overt marking on items such as lawnmowers where value or functionality will not be affected. Mark anything else with a permanent ultra violet marker pen.

