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Don't make it easy for a burglar.

Burglars don't even have to use force when they can get in through an open window or door. So always remember to lock and shut up windows and doors when you leave your property.

Do not hold open the main doors to your halls for strangers.

Be aware of the tailgating technique where someone walks close behind to grab a door before it shuts. If you don't know who you've just let into the halls then they could be a thief.

Don't leave jewellery, money or expensive items on display.

Most burglaries are carried out by opportunist thieves, so if you leave a laptop or money on display through a window you are increasing your chances of becoming a victim of crime.

Keys are also something that should be kept out of sight, as many car thefts happen with the intention of stealing the keys rather than breaking into the car.

Do not give out your credit card number unless you initiate the transaction.

Be careful when contacted by companies or organisations that ask you to order something and then ask you to pay for it with a credit card.

Try to see your home through the eyes of a burglar:

If you forget your keys how would you get in? If you can get in, so can a burglar.

Are there places where they can get in without being seen? If so, maybe additional security is needed there.

Would a burglar have to make a lot of noise to break in? If not, then maybe a security light would act as a good deterrent.

Thieves probably aren't going to be dressed in a black and white striped jumper with an eye mask. So be vigilant of people you see around you and keep an eye out for any suspicious behaviour. Remember, if you are ever in doubt or unsure about something then contact a member of security or your hall warden who will be able to help.

Remember!

Not all crimes can be avoided, but by taking simple precautions and staying aware of potential crimes you can help prevent adding yourself to the crime statistics.

Remember to have good insurance in place to protect your belongings in case the worse should happen. In the event that something should happen, your insurance can make sure that you are fully protected and able to carry on and enjoy your time at University.

