



It's a good idea to get help from your neighbours. You could ask them to collect post, mow the lawn, open and close curtains and so on. They could even occasionally park a car on your driveway ... anything to make the place look lived in.

SUMMER HOLIDAY SEASON!! Before you go away on holiday please remember the following points:

- Make your home look like someone is living in it. Don't close curtains – in daytime this shows the house is empty. Consider using automatic timer switches to turn your lights on when it goes dark.
- Cancel any milk or newspaper deliveries.
- Cut the lawn before you go and trim back any plants that burglars could hide behind.
- Uncollected mail is a sign that you are away. Consider the Royal Mail's 'Keepsafe' service.
- Do not put your home address on your luggage when you are travelling to your holiday destination.
- Avoid discussing holiday plans where strangers may hear details of your absence from home.
- Lock all outside doors and windows, and if you have a burglar alarm, make sure it is set.