

# Spot the signs

## How to protect your home from burglary

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Winter can be a challenging time as attempted burglaries become more commonplace and seasonal thieves take advantage of the dark evenings.

With Christmas around the corner, visible Christmas trees and decorations may give the impression that valuable gifts can be found inside. It is therefore important to take precautions to keep your rented home secure during this period.

### Tips to help secure your home

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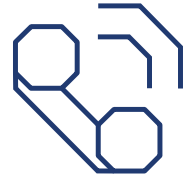
Keep any presents hidden out of sight of windows and doors. It is recommended to keep gifts concealed in a safe place until Christmas day



Ensure that all windows and doors are locked and secured at night and when you leave the property



Report any security issues to your landlord immediately



#### If you are going away:

- Remember to leave the lights on, if your property has timers we advise that you set these to turn on and off at certain times of the day to give the impression that someone is home
- Ensure that any delivery services are put on hold or redirected until you return. Royal Mail offer a 'Keepsafe' service where they hold deliveries for a set period of time
- Refrain from posting on social media that you will be away from your home as this could inform potential thieves that your home is unoccupied
- Notify your landlord if you will be away from home for a longer period of time as they can potentially keep an eye on the property.

#### Landlord's contact details

For more information please visit

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