

Effective crime prevention is all about awareness and this information will help you take steps to improve your security.

If you or your neighbours see someone acting suspiciously call the police on **101**. If life is at risk or a crime is in progress, call **999**.

If you know someone that is committing crime in your area and you want to report it but do not want to involve the police, **contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111** or by logging onto the Crimestoppers website www.crimestoppers-uk.org. You can remain totally anonymous and may even qualify for a reward.

For more crime prevention advice, visit our website at www.southyorks.police.uk



DON'T LET YOUR LOCK BE YOUR WEAK POINT

Burglary across South Yorkshire is at its lowest in 30 years, do your bit to help keep it that way by fitting better locks to your property.



What's the problem?

The majority of standard uPVC doors automatically come fitted with a standard lock, which can be broken in a matter of seconds using every day tools.

South Yorkshire Police have seen a change in the behaviour of burglars. It is now becoming increasingly common for a burglar to use a lock as their point of entry into a home.

No matter how expensive your door is or how many locking points there are, criminals can still enter your property by breaking the lock.

Cylinder locks are vulnerable to two types of attacks: snapping or bumping.

Lock snapping is where pressure is applied to the lock, causing it to snap at its weakest point and giving criminals access to the locking mechanism to open the door.



Bumping a lock is where the locking mechanism is tricked into thinking the correct key has been inserted into the lock.

With little noise and in a matter of seconds a burglar can be in your home.

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The solution

The likelihood is, if you haven't asked for specific safety measures on your locks, you will have the most common lock, the euro cylinder lock, which is what criminals look for!

There are a number of secure locks available, which offer increased security for your home. The standard lock to ask for is the TS007.

When checking or replacing your lock, it should be anti-snap, anti-drill, pick safe and bump resistant to stop you from becoming a victim of burglary.

South Yorkshire Police are asking you to check your current lock.

They would advise that, if necessary and for little cost, you change your lock to a snap and bump safe lock to increase your home's security.

If you are unsure about what type of lock you have, contact an approved locksmith or the door manufacturer or supplier.

To find a local locksmith who is a member of the Master Locksmith Association, visit: www.locksmiths.co.uk, or alternatively refer to your Yellow Pages.

Secured By Design is a company owned and operated by the Association of Chief Police Officers, who offer approved locks and advice. For further information, please visit: www.securedbydesign.com

Don't be a target – check and change your lock now

