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POLICE



SERVING - PROTECTING - MAKING THE DIFFERENCE

Lighten up!

Leave a light on and keep
your home safe and secure

safe
& secure

House burglaries remain relatively low in West Mercia - less than 1% of homes are burgled each year. However, when it is dark outside, unlit houses can be a target for thieves. You can significantly reduce the chance of your home being burgled by taking a few simple precautions:

- A well-lit home gives the impression that someone is in.
- Use timer switches to turn lights on while you are out.
- Save energy and money with low-energy or dusk to dawn sensor light bulbs. A low-energy bulb costs less than 5p per week to run (if left on for six hours each day).
- Lock windows and doors and keep gates well secured.
- Invest in external lighting.

**Most house break-ins are opportunistic.
Don't give thieves a chance!**

For more practical home security tips, visit:

www.westmercia.police.uk

**Call: 0300 333 3000
(General switchboard)**

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