

DARK NIGHTS & BURGLARIES

The chance of burglary increases with these dark nights. However, burglars are less likely to target occupied homes, so make sure your house looks and feels like someone is home at all times.

Most break-ins occur at the back or side of a house. You need to stop offenders getting to the back of your property. Keep doors and windows locked at all times. Keep sheds and garages locked. Remove all keys from locks. Keep them in a safe place out of view. Keep valuables out of sight. Keep side gates locked; bins, ladders and tools locked away. Make your boundaries difficult or impossible to climb over. If your house is empty after dark, leave a light on or set a timer. When you're out, leave a radio on a talking channel as this will make it sound as though someone is at home.

An open window is an invitation to a burglar

WINDOWS

Consider fitting window restrictors to ground floor windows.

Make sure all your windows are closed, especially when you go out or are down the garden.

Don't leave handbags, wallets, cash, keys, valuables etc. where they are easily seen.



Smartwater Your Property

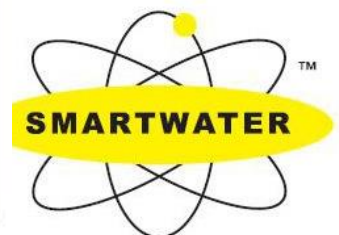
Mark your
valuables with
SmartWater

It helps to deter
burglars.

Police check stolen
property for the
unique code in
the liquid that
shows under their
ultraviolet light.

Contact Lynne on
01234 275165 or
01234 842861

To order
Smartwater,
or for more
information



**For information about joining Neighbourhood Watch
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Bedford and District Neighbourhood Watch

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Faraday Square and Surrounding Area



When having fun this fireworks night please remember to be safe!!!

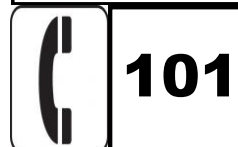
Bonfire Safety

Build your bonfire at least **15 meters away** from buildings, garden sheds, roads, fences and hedges.

- * **Never** use flammable liquids to start a bonfire – the fumes could ignite! And **never** burn dangerous items such as aerosol cans, paint tins, foam furniture or batteries.
- * **Don't** leave bonfires unattended. An adult should supervise it until it has burnt out. If it has to be left, damp it down with plenty of water.
- * Always keep a bucket of water or a hosepipe nearby in case of fire.
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- * **Never** throw fireworks on a bonfire.

For a FREE Home Fire Safety Check please call our freephone number 0800 043 5042

CALL YOUR LOCAL POLICE



IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL 999

Attend an organised fireworks/bonfire display



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