



Security Tips

As we are fast approaching winter and the days are getting shorter and the nights are getting longer, Guard-Alert Security would like to draw your attention to some security tips which will enhance security at your home.

Generally, according to police statistics, the number of break-ins goes up quite significantly during the winter months due to the longer nights. In addition, people seem to sleep deeper in winter, making it easier for thieves to go around properties undisturbed.

Here are a few security tips that you should be aware of and implement to enhance security at your home:

- Make sure your doors are securely locked at all times
- Lock all windows and fit burglar bars – thieves can wriggle through any gap larger than a human head
- Fit locks at the top and bottom of veranda doors
- Have your house fitted with an alarm. Use a reputable supplier such as Guard-Alert Electronics
- Visible burglar alarms make burglars think twice – make sure you switch them on when you go out
- Due to the prolonged load shedding hours during winter, have adequate back-up batteries for your house alarm
- Never leave garages or sheds unlocked
- Do not leave tools and ladders near the house- especially tools which can be used to assist the gaining of entry into the house
- Check for weak spots on your perimeter wall or fence. Fit either a barbed wire or electric fence strand wires as top guarding to restrict easy entry into your property
- Ensure that there is adequate lighting around your property- thieves love working in shadowy areas, therefore do not give them that chance
- Be alert to strangers loitering by your gate. Rather pass your gate and call someone inside the house to wait by the gate for you
- Don't hide your keys under the mat or in a flowerpot, that will be the first place they look
- In the event that you are unlucky enough to be bugled, record serial numbers and any other markings on your electrical goods and other such high value property
- Remember, if a burglar does get in to your home then handbags, wallets, and house or car keys are obvious targets. Don't leave them in a prominent place such as the kitchen hook. Keep your keys safely out of sight, especially car keys as the thieves might then have easy access to your car and use it for a quick get away.