

Garage / Shed Security

Many criminals consider sheds and garages an easy low risk crime option, and with many people using them to store **pedal bikes and scooters** they can make tempting targets.

A few simple changes could make all the difference to the security of your shed or garage.

- Use a good quality closed shackle padlock (e.g. Sold Secure products – www.soldsecure.com) on the door. The hasp should be attached using coach bolts or anti tamper screws rather than basic screws.
- Use coach bolts / anti tamper screws on the door hinges to prevent the door being removed, to allow access.
- Any valuable items (e.g. bikes / scooters) should be chained / locked within the shed to ground anchors (www.soldsecure.com) or large objects to prevent easy removal.
- Loop a bike lock through the handles of garden forks, spades, etc. Remember, these can be used as tools to force entry to your house.
- Security mark your bicycles (e.g. Veloeye / Bike Register), lawnmowers, toolboxes and garden furniture, by engraving, painting or using a security marker pen.
- Fit an internal wire mesh grille / adhesive frosting to your shed window or if it is not required, board it over.
- Install security lighting to illuminate your garden.
- Consider fitting a shed alarm, available from DIY store / on-line.
- Consider topping your fence or wall with a trellis, which will provide an additional barrier and provide support for climbing plants.
- Consider location of gates – in line with the front of the building rather than recessed down the side.

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