

# Lock It & Stop It

The Safer Lambeth Partnership  
works with you to secure  
your home in order to  
prevent burglary



To find out if you can access help with replacing locks and upgrading security, please contact the Safer Lambeth Partnership's Community Safeguarding team on 020 7926 2733 or e-mail [saferlambeth@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:saferlambeth@lambeth.gov.uk)

# Be vigilant and use these simple steps to secure your home and keep criminals out:

1. Don't leave your keys or ID documents within easy reach of doors, letterboxes or windows.
2. Close and lock all doors and windows. If you have multi-locking door handles, lift the handle, lock it with the key and remove it. LIFT-LOCK-REMOVE. Put the key in a safe place.
3. Lock garages and sheds so garden tools and ladders can't be used to break into your home.
4. Keep side gates locked and wheelie bins stored behind them.
5. Use timer switches linked to lights and a radio so it appears that someone is at home.
6. Invest in a safe for valuables and sentimental items and securely fix it to a solid surface.
7. Install a visible intruder alarm system – burglars don't want to be seen or heard.
8. Install low level "dusk 'til dawn" lighting to increase visibility and deter burglars.
9. Keep side and rear boundaries high to restrict access and front boundaries low to remove hiding places.
10. Photograph and mark valuables and sentimental items with your postcode and house number/name. Register items with serial numbers at: [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)