

Safety in Your New Home!

SECURITY

If you are the victim of property crime you need to report it to your landlord as well as the police. The police will give you a crime number so that you can claim on insurance etc but the landlord will be responsible for re-securing the property.

Leaving the property empty (e.g. during a holiday):

- Ensure that all doors and windows are properly secured and locked (including windows on the upper floors)
- Be sure there are no keys hanging on the back of the door
- Store valuables away from view
- Consider a timer switch for lamps to give the impression there is someone at home
- Let the landlord know you will be away and when you are returning
- Cancel any newspaper or milk deliveries
- Switch on the burglar alarm if you have one
- Get rid of all perishable food and empty all the house's refuse bins. If you are switching off the fridge, make sure its door is left open to stop it going mouldy

If you are going away at Christmas or during cold weather, avoid frozen pipes by:

- Turning off water at the stop cock
- Opening all the water taps, hot and cold, until they run dry and then turning them off again
- Leaving some heat on in the house - set just a few degrees above freezing
- Leaving the electricity on - it will ensure the boiler will continue to work and that the burglar alarm and freezer will still function.



