

Garden Security Alert

Staffordshire Police are currently advising residents to make sure the contents of their sheds and garages are secure.

Sheds and garages are popular targets for burglars as they are often overlooked when security is being considered. The value of the contents is often much higher than first imagined. There can be £400 to £500 worth of property including bikes, lawnmowers, power tools, barbeques and garden furniture and a basic padlock does not provide enough security.

Even if there isn't anything of value in your shed or garage burglars can use equipment such as spades, chisels and screwdrivers to break into your home or your neighbours.

Staffordshire Police recommend that you mark your goods as it makes it harder for burglars to sell. Also thousands of pounds of property recovered every year by police cannot be returned to its rightful owner as it has simply not been marked.

For property marking materials and advice contact your divisional crime reduction officer on 08453 30 20 10.

All our alerts are available in a range of formats and languages, including large print. Please contact Community Development if this would be helpful to you, or to someone you know.

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