

Police checklist

Is your house registered on the Cardiff County Council Accreditation Plus Scheme? *(These houses have better safety and security)*

Does the front and rear doors have five-lever mortise locks? In addition to a 'Yale' type lock *(kite marked and stating 5 lever on the visible plate)*

Is your house on the end of a terrace?

(Houses on the end of a terrace are more vulnerable than those in the middle)

Does your house have a lane at the rear?

(Houses that have lane access are much more vulnerable to a burglary)

If the house has a rear lane, are there any additional security features in place to make it less likely for a burglar to attempt to gain entry? *(a dusk till dawn light / hostile shrubbery will deter a would be burglar)*

Do the ground floor windows have window locks?

Does any bedroom above a flat roof have window locks?

Does the front door 'lock' when you shut it? *(Many UPVC doors need to be locked with a key when you leave you're home. Burglars check such doors by turning the handles to see if residents have forgotten to secure their homes)*

Does the property have patio doors? If so, are locks visible on the top and bottom of the opening door? *(Burglars are able to lift patio doors off runners to gain entry into a property, if no locks are present in these locations)*

Is the front door visible from the street?

(Not blocked by shrubs or fencing. This makes it easier for a burglar to force entry into a property without being seen)