

HOME SECURITY FOR TENANTS



FIRST PRINCIPLE

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Top Tips

Ask your Landlord to change locks before you move in or if not, will they agree to you carrying this work out.

Ask if any previous tenants have been involved with anything illegal.

Go through the Home Security self-assessment checklist with the landlord and agree any actions that need to be completed before signing a tenancy agreement.

You can find this on our web site under the advice section or click on the link on the back page of this document

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It is a basic responsibility of the landlord to provide you with a secure home and it is reasonable for you to ask for actions to be taken to ensure this.

The landlord is responsible to ensure that every door, window, garage, shed, etc. is functional – can be closed properly and has a sufficient lock.

It is important to assess the property's security while making the initial viewings and give the landlord a list of requirements BEFORE you sign a tenancy agreement and move in.

Discuss Security with your Landlord or Letting Agent

You need to know that your home will be secure and that your landlord will take your security requirements seriously.

Use the Home Security Advice and Self-Assessment First Principle guide to assess the security of the property and agree any actions required with the landlord or letting agent prior to signing the tenancy agreement.

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Changing Door Locks

A responsible landlord will change the locks to your property upon commencement of the tenancy.

If the landlord refuses to do this, find out if they would object to you replacing the locks. If you do change the locks consider keeping the old locks to reinstate them when you leave the property.

If you prefer ask the landlord if you can fit your own locks or security devices.

Previous Tenants

You should ask your landlord or letting agent if the property has ever been used for any known illegal practices.

If this is the case make sure that the situation has been fully resolved and that there will be no residual problems.

Portable Security

If your tenancy is temporary then consider investing in some portable security devices that can move with you: the following may be helpful:

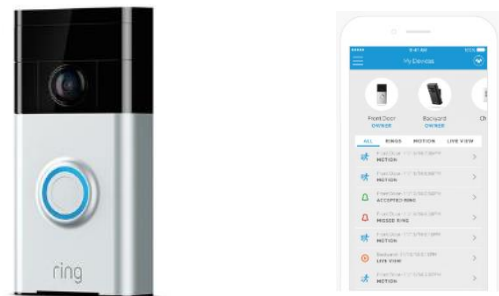
Ring door bells

Whilst Suffolk Police do not endorse specific products, we would suggest that you consider crime prevention and security products approved by "Secured by Design" (SBD).

www.securedbydesign.com

SBD approval means that products have been tested to a high standard and are therefore recommended by us.

Ring Doorbells are an approved SBD product:



The Ring doorbell is a doorbell which you can answer wherever you are, using the app on your phone. You will be able to see and talk to whoever is at your door even when you're away from home.

It can also travel with you as there is no need to hard wire it.

It is also a simple and effective means to monitor who is visiting your house and can store video and audio information on the Ring cloud should it be required. Activation is by PIR sensors and the camera is designed to work in night and day situations.

More information can be found at:

<https://en-uk.ring.com/>

Secured By Design also hold details of other portable approved products including:

- Metal sheds/storage which may be useful if you do not have a garage or shed and need to secure a bicycle or motorbike safely.
www.asgardsss.co.uk
- Patlock – this is a portable secondary device that will provide extra security to French doors.
www.patlock.co.uk
- DoorJammer A portable device to add extra security to any inward opening internal door
www.door-jammer.co.uk
- You will also find a wide range of locks, chains and padlocks at www.soldsecure.com which may assist in enhancing security in a temporary residence.

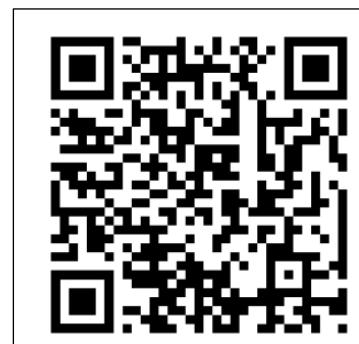
If your property doesn't have lighting, you can buy solar powered dusk to dawn lights which you will be able to take with you when your tenancy ends.

First Principle: Related links

Check out all of our Crime Prevention information using the following links or by using the QR code to take you to the First Principle Pages Alternatively go to our website at <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/> and look in the 1st Principle A-Z of Crime Prevention.

Allotment Security
Anti-Social Behaviour
ATM Security
Beach Hut Security
Boat Security
Building Site Security
Business Security
Caravan Security
Caravan Storage
Card Security
Catalytic Converters
Church Security
Cold Callers
Commercial CCTV
Counterfeit Banknotes
County Lines Advice
for Landlords
Cyber Crime
Cycle Security
Dangerous Dogs
Dog Fouling
Dog Theft
Domestic CCTV
Domestic Violence
Farm Security
Fraud Prevention
Grooming
Hate Crime

Heating Oil
Home Improvements
Home Security
Home Security for
Tenants
Horses and Stables
Keyless Vehicles
Key Safe Security
Lock Snapping
Mopeds and Scooters
Motorcycle Security
Neighbour Disputes
Occupiers Liability
Personal Security
Power Tool Security
Products Brochure
Rural Crime
Security Alarms
Sheds and Garages
Social Media
Social Media for
Parents
Suspicious Behaviour
Shoplifting
Taxi Driver Safety
Vehicle Security
Windows and Doors



Other Links you might find helpful

Ask the Police
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Crimestoppers
0800 555 111

Victim Care
0300 303 3705