

# PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THEFT

When the weather heats up theft usually does, too. These tips could help you keep your stuff where it belongs - safe at home!

## Bicycles

A thin bike chain or wheel lock isn't a good theft deterrent. Some thieves will simply unbolt a chained wheel and carry away the rest of the bike. If you can't take your bike inside, make sure you use heavy chain, threaded through both wheels and the frame, and a thick padlock to secure it to the rack.



## Sports equipment

Secure sporting goods inside your home, or keep them in heavy-duty, locked bins inside a locked garage or shed.



## Air conditioning units

A favorite target of scappers — many AC units have copper coils and other metal piping that can fetch a pretty penny. Install bright, motion-activated security lighting near your outdoor unit.



## Pool pumps

Your pool area needs to be fenced off and locked. make sure it is positioned in an area covered by bright, motion-activated security lighting.



## Unlocked sheds and garages

Stolen tools and lawn equipment are a lucrative trade. Make sure your shed and garage doors are locked at all times.



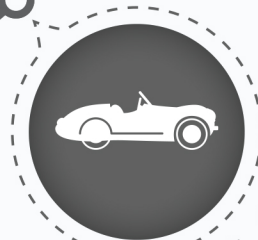
## Vacant properties and vacation homes

Again, a big target for metal scappers or vandals. Keep vacant home doors and windows securely locked. Put interior lights on staggered timers and install motion-activated exterior lights.



## Vehicles and items left in them

Most vehicle-related thefts take place in under 20 seconds. Never leave loose items on the seats or dash; lock them in the trunk, or better yet, take them with you. If you have a garage at home, use it. If you must park on the street, install a loud alarm system with a visible, blinking dash light.



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