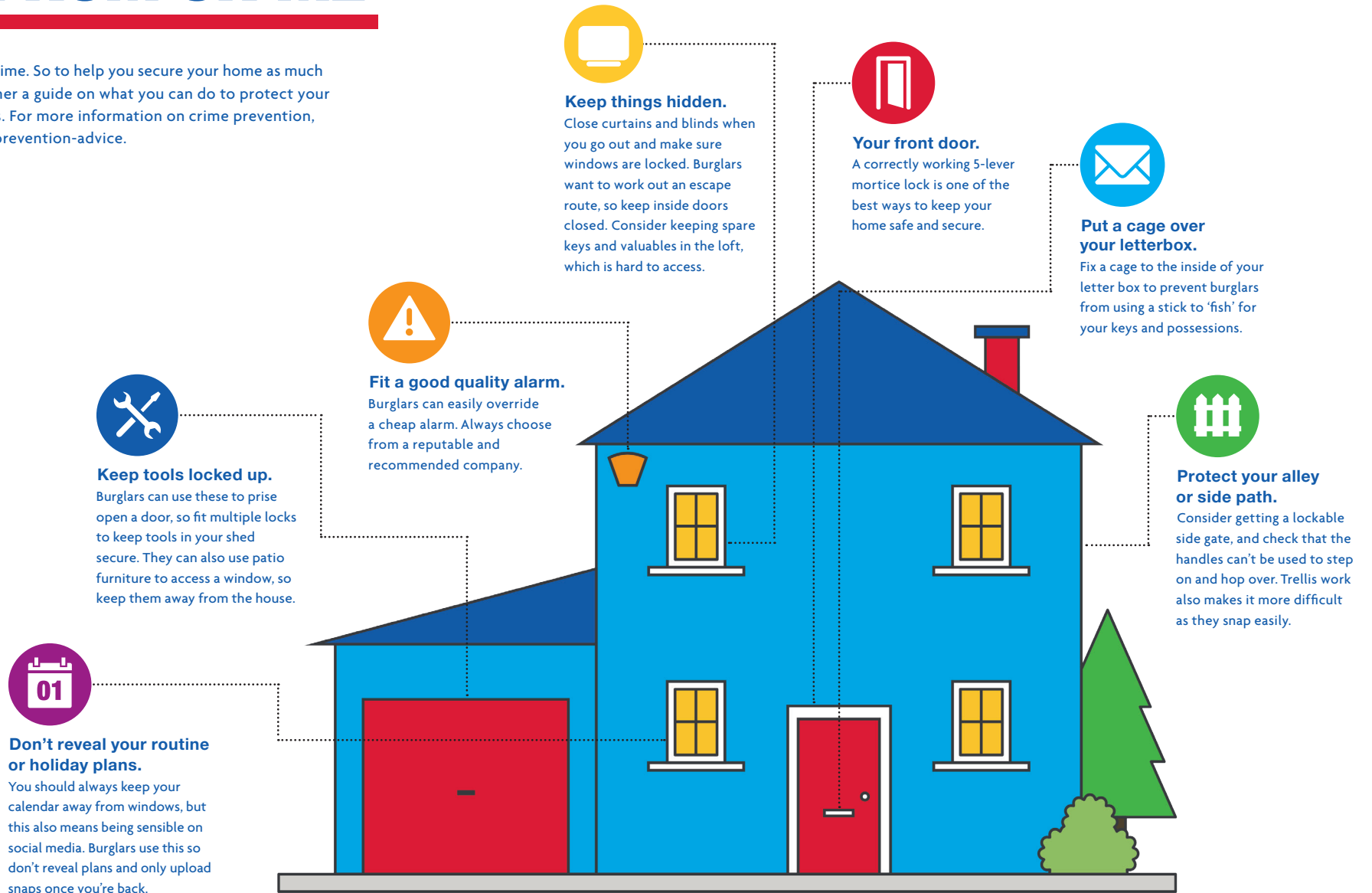


PROTECTING YOUR HOME FROM CRIME.

We're all concerned about crime. So to help you secure your home as much as possible, we've put together a guide on what you can do to protect your home from unwanted guests. For more information on crime prevention, visit www.police.uk/crime-prevention-advice.



Keep things hidden.

Close curtains and blinds when you go out and make sure windows are locked. Burglars want to work out an escape route, so keep inside doors closed. Consider keeping spare keys and valuables in the loft, which is hard to access.

Your front door.

A correctly working 5-lever mortice lock is one of the best ways to keep your home safe and secure.

Put a cage over your letterbox.

Fix a cage to the inside of your letter box to prevent burglars from using a stick to 'fish' for your keys and possessions.

Fit a good quality alarm.

Burglars can easily override a cheap alarm. Always choose from a reputable and recommended company.

Keep tools locked up.

Burglars can use these to prise open a door, so fit multiple locks to keep tools in your shed secure. They can also use patio furniture to access a window, so keep them away from the house.

Don't reveal your routine or holiday plans.

You should always keep your calendar away from windows, but this also means being sensible on social media. Burglars use this so don't reveal plans and only upload snaps once you're back.

Protect your alley or side path.

Consider getting a lockable side gate, and check that the handles can't be used to step on and hop over. Trellis work also makes it more difficult as they snap easily.