

# Best defenses

- Homes with good security are much less likely to be burgled than those without.
- Also, the average financial loss from burglary is far greater than the cost of good-quality door and window locks.
- **Deadlocks** make it harder for burglars to get out with your goods if they got in through a window.
- **Window locks** deter burglars because smashing glass attracts attention and can leave forensic evidence.
- **Visible burglar alarms** are a great deterrent – though it's courteous to your neighbors to ensure that they shut off after 20 minutes.
- **Security lighting** is also a good deterrent, but should be placed carefully near entry points so as not to disturb neighbors.
- **Timers** on radios and lights make it look like you're there when you're not.
- **Spy holes and chains** on doors let you see who's there without opening up.
- **Fencing** can both hinder and help burglars – make sure it's not easy to hide behind or climb.