

# SHEducation BEAT THE GARDEN THIEF



## Burglaries of sheds and garages are growing!

The police together with the Dorset Crime Prevention Panels are asking for your help.

The value of property in sheds and garages is more than people think. Thieves are targetting them for power tools, cycle and sports equipment. Hand tools are stolen and used to break into homes.

So let's weed out these thieves by getting some sheducation!

**S**ecure the access to your shed or garage by locking gates and using thorny bushes next to walls and fences.

**H**ave you visibly marked the contents of your shed? Make a note of serial numbers and photograph valuable plants and ornaments.

**E**xternal security lights which are activated by movement are a useful deterrent.

**D**oors of sheds require attention. Use strong padbars and close shackle padlocks. Up and over garage doors supplied with standard lock fittings should also be fitted with a padlock or lockable bolt. Windows should be secured with locks or grilles.

**U**se coach bolts or non-return screws to secure door hinges.

**C**hain cycles, mowers, ladders and tools to a strong anchorage point.

**A**larms for sheds and garages are available for under £20 at most DIY stores, catalogue shops and builders merchants.

**T**ogether we'll crack crime. Join a home watch scheme.

**E**xactly what insurance cover do you have? Check that your household policy covers you for theft from your garden and outbuildings.

### Plant Protection

Berberis	Gagnepainii	4 - 5ft
	Dictyophylla	3 - 4ft
Crateagus	Hawthorn	10ft
Ilex	Ferox (Hedge Holly)	8 - 15ft
Pyracantha	Augustofila	10ft
Rosa	Rugosa	Hedge trim to height

*To name but a few - all varieties are spiky and unfriendly*



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