

What to do immediately after a Home Burglary - Checklist

Print out this handy checklist to keep track of what you've done and what you still need to address after your home burglary. This list will help ensure you don't miss any vital steps.

Step 1. Call the police

- Call the police in an emergency situation by dialling 999 or
Call the metropolitan police on 0300 123 1212
- Obtain and save your crime reference number from the police
- Make sure the forensic team comes to your home to collect evidence

Step 2. Evaluate your property and belongings

- Make a complete list of all the items that have been damaged or stolen
- Keep a copy of the list for yourself and give copies to the police and your insurance company
- Without touching anything, take photographs of your damaged property

Step 3. Call your insurance company

- Within 24 hours of filing a police report, contact your insurance company
- Do not touch anything until a claim adjuster has inspected your home
- Let your insurer know if your car keys have been stolen and arrange a new set of keys

Step 4. Call your bank

- Call your bank if your cards, cheques etc. were stolen and have a block placed on your cards
- Notify your bank if any electronics were stolen that had financial records on them

Step 5. Notify others

- If your driver's license was taken, apply for a replacement card
- If your pension or allowance books were taken, notify the issuing authority
- If your passport was taken, notify the police and issuing authority to cancel it
- If your mobile phone or other electronic goods are stolen, notify your network provider
- Notify your neighbours of the burglary to gather information and keep them vigilant

Step 6. Clean up and repair the damage

- Board up broken doors and/or windows to secure your home
- Appoint a repair company to come and fix any damages

Step 7. Look after yourself

- Take care of yourself and your family, ensure everyone is feeling safe and secure
- If you or a loved one is feeling anxious contact Victim Support on: 0845 30 30 900

Step 8. Apply preventative measures

- Reduce your homes risk by further securing your home, read our prevention tips, consider upgrading your windows and doors and installing a home security system.

