

**NO**

**LIGHTS ON!**

**Don't let a burglar  
think no one is home!**

## **Bright ideas for darker nights**

As the nights get darker earlier, burglaries tend to increase, so leave lights on inside your house.

Leave a light on in more than one room, such as the lounge and bedroom. Remember to choose low-energy lamps.

Use a timer switch to operate the lights as it starts to get dark. Change the times that the lights comes on to create the illusion that someone is moving around inside the house.

Make sure your front door is well lit and fully visible from the street. Police recommend dusk to dawn lighting that automatically comes on as it gets dark. Dusk to dawn lamp adaptors are available from DIY stores.

Keep shrubbery and hedges at the front pruned to below 1 metre to remove cover for a burglar to work unseen and allow visibility by neighbours.

Keep your curtains closed at night - if you are away, ask a neighbour to close them for you.

Check existing lighting is in good working order and replace any faulty equipment. Remember to check batteries in torches and smoke alarms.

**Report any crimes or suspicious incidents to the police on 101, or dial 999 in an emergency.**



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