WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE

Shed and Garage

Crime Prevention Advice

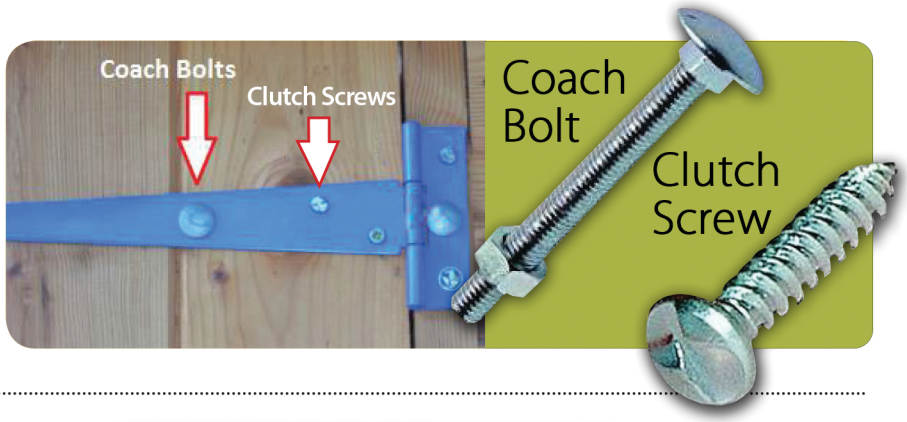
THERE HAS RECENTLY BEEN A SHED / GARAGE BURGLARY IN THIS AREA

Offenders will target sheds which have poor levels of security.

There are a number of security measures which are fairly inexpensive and are quite easy to install.

The first thing to look out for are the points of entry to the shed;

- Doors - are the hinges visible from the outside? Are the screws accessible and easy to remove?
- If they are, you may wish to consider installing 'coach bolts' and 'clutch screws' to both the door side and the frame side of the hinges.
- It is recommended that the wooden door and the frame is reinforced with wood or metal where the bolts are drilled through on the inside of the shed.



Shed door locks and hasps

We recommend the use of Secured by Design products such as the hasp shown here, which protects the fixings from being tampered with. A good quality padlock tested to British Standard BN12320 with a 3 – 4 rating for domestic use. Secured by Design tested products are recommended by Police Forces in the UK to offer a high level of security.

Once again the hasp can be reinforced on the inside of the shed. Shed bars can be fitted to the front of the shed covering the door as a further security measure.

Windows

Any window is a potential point of entry to the shed or garage.

- The glass can be obscured with various products to prevent offenders from being able to see the contents of the shed.
- Laminate sheeting can be applied to the glass on the inside giving it added strength and preventing it from breaking.
- Think of securing the windows with a grill or heavy wire mesh to increase window security and the use of net curtains to deter casual viewing of your property.
- Consideration should be given to the way that the glass is installed in the shed or garage. If the beading holding the glass is on the outside, it can be secured by using clutch screws or the use of silicon based adhesives.

Garage Doors

Devices such as the door defender shown here, once again recommended by Secured by Design, can be installed into a solid concrete base to prevent the garage door being raised. There are also other products of similar design available.

Cycle Security

There are a number of Secured by Design products which can be installed inside sheds and garages to prevent the removal of bikes and other high value products such as lawnmowers etc. These products come in various shapes and sizes and are all securely fastened to either the shed frame or the base.
It is recommended that a good quality lock and chain is used to secure the bike etc. to the anchor.

Shed and Garage Alarms

There are a number of different alarm companies who supply alarms. These can vary in price from basic battery operated PIR type alarms to sensors which can be linked to domestic alarm systems within the home. The advent of wireless technology has enabled this type of alarm to be used on sheds and garages.

Shed and Garage Structure

Consideration should be made to the physical condition of the structure.

- If the wooden door is rotten, on a shed for example, there would be little point in trying to secure the hinges. A replacement door of sufficient quality should be installed prior to any further security measures being added.
- If you have a door connecting the garage to the house make sure this has the same level of security as your front door, fitting locks that meet BS 3621 or fitting a door that meets PAS 24: 2012.
- Your local Neighbourhood Policing Teams can be contacted in the first instance for further assistance or the Crime Reduction Officer will be more than happy to assist with any further security issues. Please call 101 should you require any more assistance.

Contact your local Crime Reduction Officer for further advice
Simply call 101 or visit www.westyorkshire.police.uk