

# WHAT WORKS TO PREVENT DOMESTIC BURGLARIES?



## Tackling repeat victimisation

### What is it?

Properties that are at risk of repeat burglary should be identified in order to increase the implementation of preventive measures such as target hardening or police patrols.

### How it works?

Implementing these measures increases the effort and risk required to commit burglary at identified properties.



## Target hardening

### What is it?

The combination of window locks, internal lights, door locks and external lights

### How it works?

Target hardening makes the target less suitable by increasing the risk and/or increasing the effort involved.



## Neighbourhood watch

### What is it?

Neighbourhood watch encourages residents to keep their eyes and ears open and call the police if they see or hear something suspicious.

### How it works?

Setting up a neighbourhood watch scheme makes an area less suitable by increasing the risk and reducing opportunities.



## Alley gating

### What is it?

Alley gates prevent offenders gaining access to alleyways.

### How it works?

Installing alley gates increases the effort because burglars are unable to access the target properties or use the alleys as an escape route. Alley gates also increase natural surveillance from the residents, thereby increasing the risk for potential burglars.



## Street lighting

### What is it?

Improved street lighting increases the levels of illumination on the street.

### How it works?

Increasing the level of illumination increases the risk that an offender will be identified by potential witnesses.

**The prevention of domestic burglary in the spotlight!**

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