

Crime prevention policy

EU- priority	Organised Property Crime
Country	Belgium
Year	2018

1. Overview of the field

Definition of the crime

Domestic burglary & shoplifting

Assessment of trends and developments

Domestic burglary:

A steady decline in the number of burglaries since 2015. But it remains one of the most acute phenomena in property crime. The total material and financial damage is estimated at 170 million euros per year.

There is also the psychic damage and trauma victims who express themselves with difficulty through numbers.

Shoplifting & theft in companies:

The number of shoplifting has oscillated over the last few years between 21,000 and 25,000 incidents. The “dark number” in this phenomenon is high. The actual number of shoplifting is estimated at around 150,000 and the resulting financial loss around 24 million euros.

Recent overview of statistics and research

Domestic burglary :

2013	2014	2015	2016
75.478	72.717	67.132	56.504

Top 10 Stolen goods	2013	2014	2015	2016
Money	16.640	16.640	15.202	12.508
Jewellery	22.126	20.493	18.806	15.308
Computer	15.013	13.879	11.805	9.344
Multimedia	10.681	9.352	8.064	6.739
Clothing	5.035	4.678	4.339	3.671
Mobile devices	5.649	5.106	4.674	3.803
Wallet	2.873	2.879	2.545	2.289
Tools	2.901	3.047	2.954	2.876
Camera	6.998	5.679	4.199	3.119

Keys	3.461	3.020	3.055	2.577
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Shoplifting & theft in companies:

2013	2014	2015	2016
22.644	21.817	21.225	21.423

Top 10 Stolen goods	2013	2014	2015	2016
Money	5.929	5.596	5.123	4.376
Tabaco	712	759	642	600
Computer	1.602	1.545	1.398	1.187
Multimedia	824	794	664	631
Clothing	579	516	457	383
Mobile devices	784	775	751	604
Food	1.419	1.457	1.269	1.154
Tools	837	777	695	601
Cash register	1.193	1.071	964	850
Keys	530	512	474	409

Published research :

[http://www.crime-prevention-intl.org/fileadmin/user_upload/Publications/La prevention des cambriolages residents FR.pdf](http://www.crime-prevention-intl.org/fileadmin/user_upload/Publications/La_prevention_des_cambriolages_residents_FR.pdf)

2. Crime strategy and coordination

Objectives of the crime strategy

Limit the individual and social impact of burglaries in buildings:

- 1) through an effective approach at the local, national and international levels, by doing deterrence, by reducing the attractiveness of our country to burglary groups;
- 2) developing a preventive approach in which citizens and the private sector also play an active role;
- 3) starting from a targeted approach of authors, by investing in measures that disrupt the criminal process (group structure, mobility, handling, logistics, residences, etc.)
- 4) by continuing to invest in an integrated and integrated approach via a national platform where the various actors involved in the security chain can consult each other;
- 5) by providing for the follow-up of victims and appropriate measures for perpetrators;

Role of prevention in the crime strategy on state/regional/local level

- **Increase and better prevention of burglaries by knowledge management and stimulating new concepts and techniques to reduce the risk of victimization**
- **Financial support for burglary prevention facilities by federal or local authorities**
- **encourage citizen participation and collaboration with professional associations**
- **expansion of cooperation between police and private security companies**
- **an integrated approach to handling**
- **dissuasive work on risky places through information-driven actions**

Implementation of the policy (which level is responsible for the implementation and how is the implementation coordinated?)

For the field of prevention, Ministry of Home Affairs is in charge with the implementation of the policy with the support of local police forces and local authorities.

Stakeholders (working groups, specialised agencies, partners, etc)

**Local Police
Insurance companies
Burglary prevention counselors (local function)
Citizens
Private sector**

Participation in European/ international networks, working groups, etc.

Not at this moment but the ministry of home affairs piloted a European project “Domestic burglary” in 2014-2015.

3. Good practices

Overview of recent good practices, prevention programs, etc.

<http://domesticburglary.eu/>

<https://www.1joursans.be/initiatives/>

<https://www.1joursans.be/conseils-de-prevention/>

<https://www.besafe.be/fr/themes-de-securite/vol/cambriolage-0>