



SECURED BY DESIGN SECURITY ADVICE GUIDE

Garages

Where possible, keep your car in a garage. Parking your vehicle out of view is one of the best ways to prevent opportunist theft.



There are many garage types:



Detached garages

These fall into two categories, those located near the house often set back from the road, but well overlooked by surrounding houses and those located at the rear of the property accessed by a service road.

These types of garage are likely to be an easier target due to them being out of sight, often trees and high hedging at the rear of gardens to provide some privacy to the houses makes the situation worse.



Garages connected to the house

Some of these will have a connecting door to the main house, so care needs to be taken over the type of door fitted. A dual certificated door for both fire and security would be required. More information can be found on our [Guidance and Standards page](#).



Secure doors

One of the most important things to consider is the security of the garage door itself, unfortunately many older types of garage door are very easy to break-into with simple tools and become easy targets for thieves. If you are considering a new garage door consider replacing them with an accredited SBD product, these are now available as up and over, sectional and roller shutter options.



Alarms

If you don't want to change your door consider fitting a garage door defender or upgrade garage door locks. If you have a house alarm system, consider connecting the garage if it's attached to the house. For further information about alarms please access via the following link: [SBD Alarm Advice](#).

Further Advice



Another option is to park your car on a drive. If your drive has gates, consider closing them at night or when you are not using your vehicle.



If you don't have gates, a vehicle bollard will provide an extra visible deterrent.



The introduction of CCTV can assist in being a deterrent and help protect both your vehicle and home. It is important to remember that you must comply with the requirements of GDPR.



For further advice about any of the security tips listed above, or to find out how to buy police recognised security products, visit www.securedbydesign.com