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Dear Mr or Ms

We are sorry that you have been a victim of a burglary.

If you need to speak to officers investigating your burglary, please contact us quoting reference

We are doing our best to ensure that burglars are caught and brought to justice. Attached is a letter we will be posting to your neighbours for anything seen or heard, or active CCTV.

We hope the home security and crime prevention pack assists.

We will be bringing a Met-Trace security marking product when we visit. Please see this link which explains how Met Trace SmartWater assists www.met.police.uk/mettrace If you are not at home, please contact us so that we can re-attend with the SmartWater to mark-up your valuable items.

Yours sincerely,

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Do you have any feedback for us? [Email us - policeGreenwich@met.police.uk](mailto:policeGreenwich@met.police.uk)

Burglary Prevention Tips

How does a burglar's mind work?

Burglary, on the whole, is an opportunist crime. A burglar will select his target because it offers him the best opportunity to carry out his crime undetected and with the fewest number of obstacles in his way. A building that presents itself as unoccupied and insecure is far more likely to be targeted than one which is properly secured:

- Side gates open
- Accessible windows open
- Ladders left out, allowing access to otherwise inaccessible windows
- Garden tools available to force entry
- Untrimmed hedges or high fences preventing natural surveillance

Each of these makes access to the building far simpler and is an indication to the prospective burglar that it's worth a second look. Residents of multi occupancy dwellings or flats should be mindful not to grant entry to people via an entry phone system if they do not know them and to be cautious of people seeking to 'tailgate' them into buildings.

The question is, are the occupants in?

- Milk bottles or parcels on the doorstep
- Newspapers and mail in the letter box
- Unlit houses after dark
- All windows shut in very hot weather

These are signs telling the burglar that he is unlikely to be disturbed in the course of his work. Naturally, circumstances may arise when such situations may be unavoidable. If we can take measures that tell the burglar that this building is too difficult or too risky a target, he will hopefully move on.

Are you leaving a thief the key to your house?

- Never leave a spare key concealed anywhere near the front door - burglars know all the hiding places
- Prevent letterbox burglaries by storing keys away from the front door
- Do not label your house keys in case you lose them and they fall into the wrong hands.

Remove temptation;

- Where possible, try to keep valuables out of sight from windows.
- If going out after dark, draw the curtains, leave some lights on and a radio playing.

If you are away for extended periods;

- Cancel the delivery of milk and newspapers
- Disconnect the telephone answering machine, or re-word your greeting message to give the impression that you are only temporarily unable to answer.
- If you are prepared to leave a key with a willing neighbour/relative, ask for curtains to be drawn and lights to be put on at night. If snow is on the ground a few footprints will make the house appear inhabited.
- Check your insurance policy. Some insurance policies for contents don't cover you if you are away for more than 30 days.
- Set your burglar alarm. If you do not have an alarm, consider investing a few pounds in a dummy alarm box. It may well deter the opportunist thief.

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Dear Resident

We are currently investigating an *attempted* burglary in**ROAD**
that occurred between**time**..... **on****dates****2020**.

If you saw or heard anything suspicious, or have any active CCTV, please contact us
(0208 649 3540 / ShootersHill@met.police.uk), or call 101. Alternatively, if you wish to remain
anonymous, Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

On the reverse of this letter are a number of security recommendations. Please contact us if
you require advice or assistance with your home security.

Met Police are running a scheme called MetTrace, please look it up on
www.met.police.uk/mettrace. If you would like a FREE Smart Water kit (MetTrace)
please contact us on the above contact details.

We are grateful for any information you are able to provide, so that burglars are caught
and brought to justice.

Please also contact us about anything else in your neighbourhood, that is giving you
cause for concern.

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