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BUMBLEBEE'S 10 TOP TIPS FOR SECURING YOUR HOME.

Operation Bumblebee is targeting burglars in London. Help us keep your home secure by following our 10 top tips:

- **1** Don't leave your keys or ID documents within easy reach of doors, letterboxes or windows.
- 2 Close and lock all doors and windows. If you have multilocking door handles, lift the handle, lock it with the key and remove it. Remember - LIFT - LOCK - REMOVE. Put the key in a safe place out of sight in case of fire.
- 3 Lock garages and sheds so garden tools and ladders can't be used to break into your home.
- **4** Keep side gates locked and wheelie bins stored behind them.
- **5** Use timer switches linked to lights and a radio so it appears that someone is at home.
- 6 Invest in a safe for valuables and sentimental items and securely fix it to a solid surface.
- 7 Install a visible intruder alarm system burglars don't want to be seen or heard.
- 8 Install low level 'dusk till dawn' lighting to increase visibility and deter burglars.
- 9 Keep side and rear boundaries high to restrict access and front boundaries low to remove hiding places.
- **10** Photograph and mark valuables and sentimental items with your postcode and house number/name. Register items with serial numbers at: www.immobilise.com

For more help and advice visit **www.metbumblebee.org** or go to your local police station. If you need police after a burglary **call 101.**