

Beach Hut Security



Key Points to Consider

- Never leave anything valuable in your hut
- Make sure you lock windows and doors when not in use
- Consider fitting a monitored alarm

Beach huts are an intrinsic part of our coastal communities and enjoyed by thousands of people every summer. However, when no-one is around they often fall victim to break-ins or vandalism. Here are a few DO's and DON'Ts to help you secure your property.

DO's

- Look after your hut! - If a property looks uncared for it is more likely to suffer from crime or antisocial behaviour. Our experience and statistics back this up so keep your

beach hut in good repair for the sake of you and your neighbour.

- Always lock your doors with good quality closed shackle padlocks which should be at least 6cm/2.5 inches wide.



- Make sure the door and frame are robust. Hardwood is one of the best materials and the frame should be securely fixed to the surrounding structure with at least four extra-long frame fixings on either side. Coach bolts are more secure than nails or screws in a building of wooden
- Fix doors securely in frames. Doors should be fixed within frames with robust hinges. Hinges on outward opening doors should be protected with hinge bolts or hinge hooks. If you have a mortice lock, this should comply with BS3621. Ideally two locks will be fitted at one third spacing.



construction. The frame can be further improved by fixing London/Birmingham bars to the frame to prevent the wood splitting around the locks and hinge areas.

- Use doors with solid core construction. If not, they may be able to be strengthened with exterior grade plywood or even galvanised sheeting.
- Fix a solid steel security bar across the door. This should be bolted through the door and reinforced at the back (inside the hut) with a steel plate with matching aligned holes and use concealed screws or coach bolts.
- Security mark any property left inside. Also keep a photographic record of all your seaside possessions.



- Look out for each other. Keep an eye out on neighbouring huts and if you see any damage or problems contact your local District Council.



- Fix strong solid shutters over any glazed areas. These should be securely fixed and locked in place.
- Consider fitting a monitored alarm.

DON'TS

- Don't leave valuables inside. Take them away with you.
- Don't leave combustible or other flammable items inside, such as gas canisters. Take them away with you (including matches).
- Don't leave materials around the hut that could be used to commit crime.
- Keep alcohol out of sight and remove it when you leave.





Sir Robert Peel created the Metropolitan Police in 1829. He set out nine principles for policing. The First Principle was:

“To prevent crime and disorder, as an alternative to their repression by military force and severity of legal punishment.”

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