

BEACH HUT SECURITY



FIRST PRINCIPLE

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Top Tips

Never leave anything valuable in your hut

Make sure you lock windows and doors when not in use

Consider fitting a monitored alarm

PREVENT CRIME

PROTECT COMMUNITIES



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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 construction. The frame can be further improved by fixing London or 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 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.
- 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

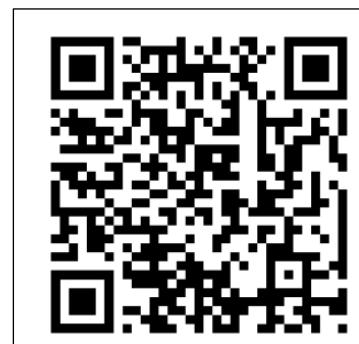
- Don't leave valuables inside. Take them away with you.
- Don't leave combustible or other flammable items inside, such as gas canisters. Take them away with you (including matches).
- Don't leave materials around the hut that could be used to commit crime.
- Keep alcohol out of sight and remove it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

First Principle: Related links

Check out all of our Crime Prevention information using the following links or by using the QR code to take you to the First Principle Pages Alternatively go to our website at <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/> and look in the 1st Principle A-Z of Crime Prevention.

Allotment Security
Anti-Social Behaviour
ATM Security
Beach Hut Security
Boat Security
Building Site Security
Business Security
Caravan Security
Caravan Storage
Card Security
Catalytic Converters
Church Security
Cold Callers
Commercial CCTV
Counterfeit Banknotes
County Lines Advice
for Landlords
Cyber Crime
Cycle Security
Dangerous Dogs
Dog Fouling
Dog Theft
Domestic CCTV
Domestic Violence
Farm Security
Fraud Prevention
Grooming
Hate Crime

Heating Oil
Home Improvements
Home Security
Home Security for
Tenants
Horses and Stables
Keyless Vehicles
Key Safe Security
Lock Snapping
Mopeds and Scooters
Motorcycle Security
Neighbour Disputes
Occupiers Liability
Personal Security
Power Tool Security
Products Brochure
Rural Crime
Security Alarms
Sheds and Garages
Social Media
Social Media for
Parents
Suspicious Behaviour
Shoplifting
Taxi Driver Safety
Vehicle Security
Windows and Doors



Other Links you might find helpful

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Secured by Design
Sold Secure

Crimestoppers
0800 555 111

Victim Care
0300 303 3705