

Citizen's Corner

How NOT to be burglarized....

This information was provided by Leon Reid, a convicted burglar who is responsible for over 70 residential burglaries in England. Reid was caught due only to DNA. He never forced entry into any of the homes he burglarized. All the homes he entered had **unsecured or open windows and/or doors** and did not have any of the below listed "deterrents."

REID'S CHECK LIST

A dog or a sign warning of a dog: Burglars will not risk entry if there is even a 'hint of a pet pooch

Pebble drives or shingled patios: These make it difficult when approaching a house because of the noise

Alarms: Even if the alarm box is a fake, Reid told police he never raided a home with a burglar alarm box

CCTV: Reid said burglars avoided homes with cameras

Wire on gates and anti-climb paint: They make it difficult and 'messy' for burglars

Well-lit: Reid said if there were any lights on he avoided the home

Motion sensor lighting: Lights outside which could go on as soon as anyone walked by was a major deterrent for Reid

Read more: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2066504/How-burgled-Serial-criminal-jailed-5-years-draws-check-list-home-owners.html#ixzz1fjQ5odBV>

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