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Protect the Scout meeting place with the most innovative 'burglar alarms' your section can concoct

e all admired Macaulay Culkin's ingenious ways of fending off the burglars in Home Alone, but how would your group guard against intruders? Ask them to think up DIY burglar alarm ideas – here are a few to get them started: across a doorway, tie a piece of string that's attached to bells, or balance a bag of feathers across the top of an open door to deter any intruders. How about creating the impression that someone is home by playing a recording of a barking dog or making a life-sized

cardboard cut-out of a person so a silhouette is visible at the window?

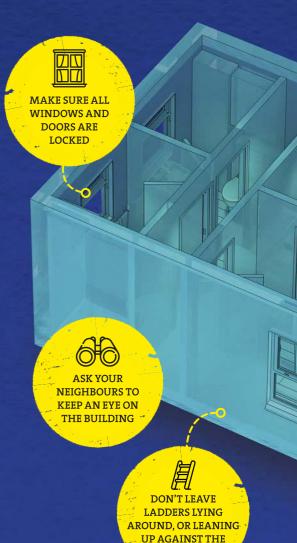
Take some inspiration from Home Alone by smearing honey or a sticky substance on doorknobs to put off burglars and slow them down, or place netting on the floor that trips them up and entangles them. Perhaps your section can make a sign that will deter burglars, for example, one that says, 'guard dog inside'. Moving to the outside of the building, they could dig a trench underneath a ground floor window or create a muddy puddle in front of the door. Whatever booby trap the group invents, they're sure to have fun thinking up ways of keeping the

Scout meeting place safe.





'I enjoyed this activity because it was interesting and funny to create ou<u>r own</u> traps and use our imagination to our advantage.'



ACTIVITY INVENT A BURGLAR ALARM

BUILDING

You will need

- pens
- paper
- crayons
- felt tips
- scissors

Instructions

Take your section around the meeting place – both inside and out – and talk them through the areas that might need extra security.

Next, divide your section into small groups and ask them to get paper, pens, felt tips etc. Ask each group to think up ideas for burglar-



protect the meeting place prior to

closing it down for summer.

and showing how their methods

might work.

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OUTCOMES

Your section will learn how to protect the Scout meeting place using fun methods that nevertheless have a serious message behind them. They'll learn the importance of guarding their meeting place from intruders and pick up some useful safety tips.

TAKING IT FURTHER

Share your findings for staying safe in the home with your parents or carers and with more vulnerable people in the community, for example, elderly people, anyone living at home with a serious illness, anyone with poor mobility, etc. Go to northernpowergrid.com/care for more in-depth information.

MORE INFORMATION

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