



**More than mail
can come through
your door...**



Don't be a victim—double lock your door

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Q. How can I stop this from happening to me, as I need to have a letterbox?

A: You can stop this quite easily by following a few simple steps:

- Keep your door locked, even when in the house
- Don't leave sticks, rods or poles lying around your garden
- Fit your letterbox with a cage
- Don't leave post hanging out of your letterbox
- Purchase a letterbox cover—available from all DIY stores

Q: What is the best thing I could do?

A: Dead locking your door is the best solution, along with fitting a cage or box around your letterbox. The box or cage will severely impede progress on your door being opened through the letterbox.

Some PVC doors have a handle that when pushed up can not be opened by the outside handle, but easily by the inside handle. Again these doors should be locked to prevent the "letterbox burglars". Cages are inexpensive to buy, and could save you replacing valuable items that have been stolen.

Q: Where should I keep my car keys?

A: Please keep your car keys away from any windows and doors to prevent them from being "fished" through letterboxes

Q: I'm concerned incase there is a fire

A: Make sure you know where they are in case of fire and can easily grab them.

Q: When I go out can I shut the door and know it is safe?

A: Ensure any door is always double locked

- Don't leave valuables on display in front of windows or in reach of open windows or doors
- Don't leave small windows open believing them to be safe
- It only takes a second for someone to get into your home and take things without you noticing.