

How to protect your home and belongings

As a valued Getcover customer we'd like to offer the following advice that will help you to protect your home from the three most common causes of loss:

Burst Pipes:

- During cold snaps leave your attic door open and have your heating come on and off regularly.
- Make sure the pipes and water tank in your attic are properly insulated.
- Proper insulation around doors and windows keep heat in and draughts out.
- If you are going to be away over the winter period, prevent your plumbing from freezing, bursting and causing major water damage by turning off the water and emptying the water storage tank in the attic. Simply turn off your water at the mains and run your bathroom taps until they're empty.

Theft:

- Lock all external doors and windows and activate your alarm whenever you leave the house empty and when you go to bed.
- Never leave spare keys under the mat or in a handy location. A burglar will know where to look.
- Don't leave side gates or doors unlocked.
- When you are away on holidays have a neighbour check your
- If you are not at home for any length of time, it's a good idea to give the impression that someone is in. Leave a radio and some lights on. A timer can be used to switch them on and off.
- Do not leave expensive, high value items on view which can easily be seen through a window

Fire:

- Ensure that you have smoke detectors fitted and make sure to test them regularly to ensure that they are in working order.
- Have a fire blanket and extinguisher at hand in case of emergency.
- If you use a real fireplace make sure to have it cleaned regularly.

Finally, if the worst does happen and you experience a loss, don't worry, call our appointed claims handlers on 01-2611597 to register your claim.