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Avoid giving burglars this opportunity by following some simple crime prevention tips:-

● Please don't keep your high value jewellery at home – use a bank safety deposit box

● If you have to keep your jewellery at home, then please invest in a home safe suitable for protecting your jewellery, your insurance company will provide advice as to which type and grade of safe best suits your needs

● Keep an inventory of your jewellery. This can be done in a paper version or online with companies such as Immobilise. **For more information go to www.immobilise.com** include identifying marks, value, and purchase date

● Photograph your jewellery. Place your jewellery against a plain background with a ruler next to it to give an idea of size

● Check your home insurance to ensure that it covers keeping high-value jewellery at home

● Make sure your home is kept secure at all times – windows/door locks, timers that switch lights on when going out

● Set your house alarm if you have one

● As with other valuables, do not leave jewellery on display

● Use forensic marking to identify your jewellery. Information on forensic marking can be found on www.securedbydesign.com

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