

# KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE AND SECURE

## HELPING YOU FIND SAFE LOCKSMITHS & HOME SECURITY EXPERTS



We are enjoying longer, lighter evenings out of the house and you might also be planning holidays. So now is a good time to think about your **home security**.

**Criminals often target homes they believe are vulnerable.** This can include overcharging for emergency locksmith services, carrying out unnecessary work, or installing poor-quality security equipment that leaves your property at risk.

### How Trading Standards Checked helps

Our directory makes it simple to find a safe, local locksmiths and security specialists. All businesses in our scheme are the **only ones checked by Kent Trading Standards**.

We check many aspects of the business such as licenses, accreditations, insurance and commitment to fair trading. This **gives you confidence when booking work**, especially in rural areas where unsolicited visits are more common.



## SIMPLE WAYS TO STAY SAFE:

- Never agree to work at your door.
- Take time to compare traders, especially in emergencies.
- Always get 3 written quotes.
- Be cautious of pressure selling.
- Check reviews and previous work.
- Find a safe local trader, visit [kent.gov.uk/tschecked](http://kent.gov.uk/tschecked) or call 03000 416438.
- Report suspicious activity to Kent Police on 101.

**! If you feel threatened, call 999.**

**FIND A SAFE, LOCAL TRADER**



**Scan the QR CODE**

Trading Standards Checked is Kent County Council's safe trader scheme for home improvement work. To find out more:

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