**3.2a Protecting property**

**How can homeowners protect their property?**

Ask your neighbour to take care of your house and put away newspapers when you are on vacation.

Avoid posting on instagram when you go on vacation.

Avoid broadcasting that you are going to be away from home.

Get a dog.

Install CCTV.

Do not hide keys under your doormat.

Install motion detectors with lighting.

Put the shutters down when you go out.

Buy a weapon.

Remove the mail from the letterbox.

Use a timer switch.

Eliminate hiding places.

Light up the landscape.

Stow expensive items such as grills, cars and bikes in the garage.

Keep your yard free of toys, tools and ladders that can be used to break in.

Get a safe.

Do not keep all windows open at the same time.

Put a door chain on all doors leading outside.

Install window locks.

Secure patio doors with roll bars.

Avoid signs of absence in general.

Install surveillance cameras and a burglary alarm.

Organize a community watch program.

Use a complicated password for your wifi.