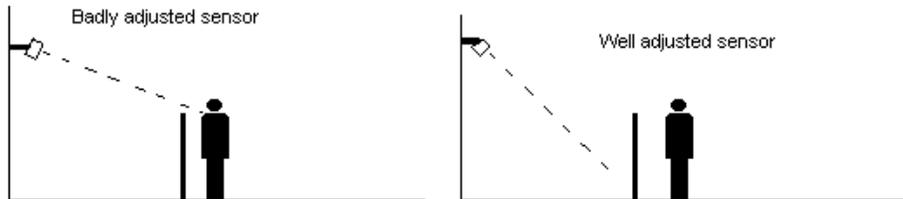


- **Adjust the sensor correctly.**

Sometimes security lights have a sensor separate from the light itself, or a separately adjustable sensor. Make sure that the area covered by the sensor is only that which you need. Determining how far away the sensor detects movement will inevitably be a case of trial and error. Too wide an area covered by the sensor will mean that your security light is activated much too frequently and by the wrong things, for example cats and foxes.



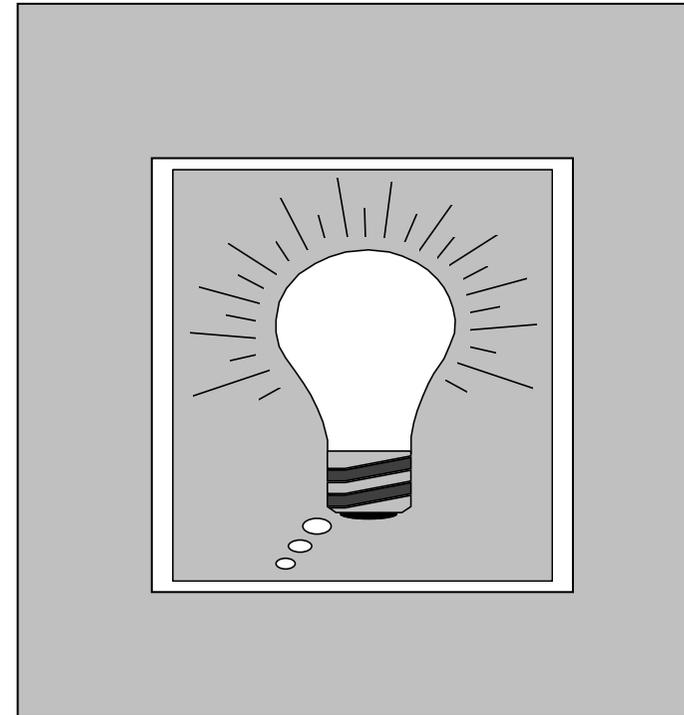
If a neighbour does approach you about annoyance caused by your security light, don't take it as a personal comment. They're doing the right thing by bringing it to your attention and letting you know that it is causing them a problem. Remain calm and discuss the matter reasonably. Explain to them the actions you will take, or have taken to try to remedy the problem. Don't get upset, after all, what would you do in their shoes?

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DETERRENT OR DREADED NUISANCE?

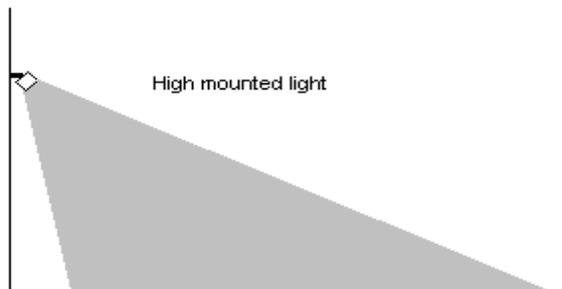
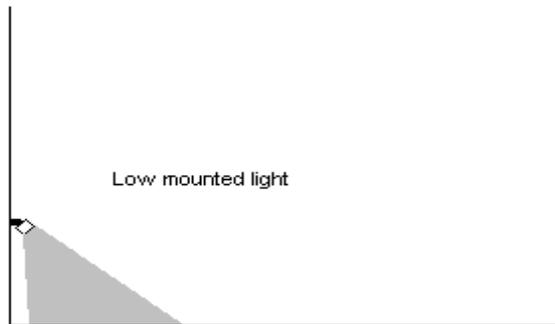
We are all concerned about the security of our homes. We fit high security door locks and window locks to prevent burglars from getting in. We also fit security lights to the outside of our homes to deter burglars from even trying. Unfortunately, these same lights can cause annoyance to others who live close by. With a little forethought, most problems of light intrusion can be resolved.

- **Choose the correct wattage of bulb for your security light.**

It's not always true that a higher wattage, brighter bulb deters burglars more. Too bright a bulb and you can't make out details of the intruder accurately; the colours become washed out by the power of the light. Details of the intruder will be important when you come to report such matters to the Police. 150W (2,000 lumens) should be more than adequate.

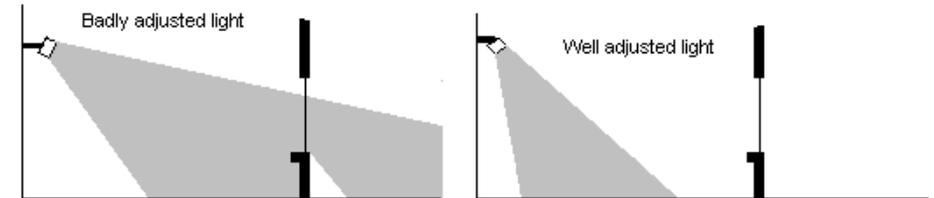
- **Position the light correctly.**

The security light needs to be sufficiently high to illuminate the appropriate area and to be safe from tampering. A minimum of 2.45m (8ft) is recommended. However, if it's too high it will cover too wide an area and so be more likely to cause some annoyance. Also, don't forget that at some stage you'll have to change the bulb, so you'll need to be able to get to the security light.



- **Adjust the light correctly.**

Make sure that the area lit by the security light is the area you want lit and not any more. This is best checked at night when you can more easily see the area covered by your security light. If light 'spills' onto your neighbour's property try adjusting your security light to divert the light away.



If, due to the closeness of neighbouring properties, this can't be done, try fitting a hood to the security light to make the light more directional and limiting the amount of 'spill'.

