

## **PROTECT YOUR HOME AND PROPERTY**

In these days of rising crime we lock everything up, and invest in security systems (many of which bleat on ignored if something should happen), then cross our fingers and hope for the best.

Whilst it is important to place these physical barriers against those who seek to harm us through theft, there is a great deal more you can do with your magical skills – which will help – no matter how basic your skills are.

You need nothing less than a set of magical locks and barriers. Here are a number of ways of achieving this.

This one is far the easiest if you can get hold of one. A traditionally powerful protection for the home is a stone with a hole in it. It doesn't matter what kind of stone as long as the hole has occurred through a natural process, such as erosion in the ocean. Once found, it should be hung near the hearth in the Goddess' name (in her aspect of Hertha). These stones can also be worn for personal protection. Now I know these stones aren't easily come by, but if you go to the beach – keep your eyes open. I found mine on Weymouth beach in the south of England. If you can't find one, why not do a spell to obtain one?

Another traditional first step is to prepare a herbal sachet. A good blend should be prepared and hung, again near the hearth, in a white linen bag tied up with red cord, thread, or ribbon. One mix could be: Orris root, sandalwood, lavender, patchouli leaves, cloves, pimento, and a drop of civet essence.

As a bonus this one really smells good.

Clearly such a charm bag should be consecrated.

A great one for the evening – just before retiring at night – is to set a barrier on the doors and windows of your house. The simplest way is to take your wand or athame, and trace a symbol in the air just behind the door or window. Whilst tracing the symbol, see it glow in the air.

If you don't want to use a traditional symbol, then you can create one more to your liking in the following way.

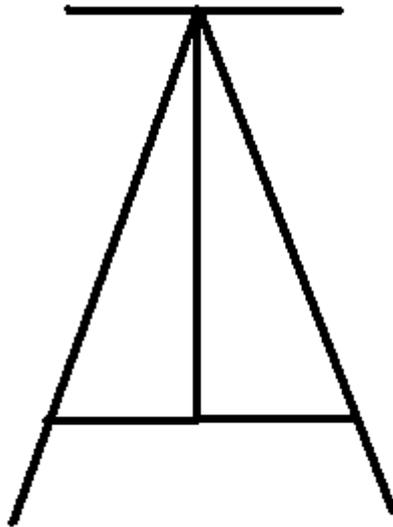
Let's say your intention is to keep out people who do not have your best interest at heart, e.g.

“PASS NOT ANY WITH HOSTILE INTENT”

Take the first letter from each word –

P N A W H I

And create a symbol from them, e.g. –



And use this

instead.

The chap who taught this one to me told me that anyone who was eyeing properties up would find it easy to overlook yours. If they decided to enter, they would feel great reluctance, and if they had the strength to come in anyway, you would awaken instantly.

Over the years, speaking to people who have used this method, or a variation, it seems to have a good record of keeping people out. Clearly the need to rework it regularly is a bit of a disadvantage (although one of my friends found it invaluable when staying in a dodgy hotel).