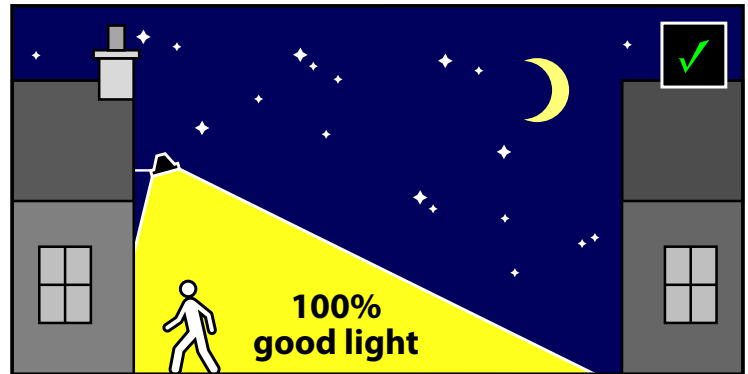


Making the Most of Your Floodlight

Your floodlight can enhance your sense of security and the convenience of your property if used sensibly. However, a badly aimed floodlight can upset your neighbours through glare, light pollution and light trespass, and can also disturb night-time wildlife. The three steps below can help you get the best from your floodlight, ensuring that it provides safe and beneficial lighting, and can also help reduce running costs too.



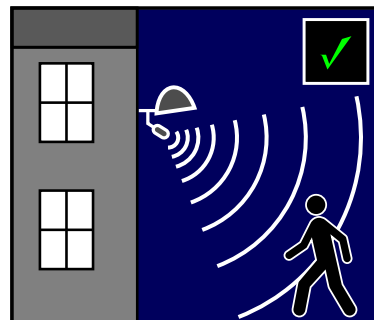
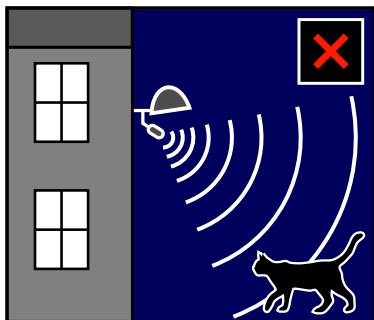
BADLY AIMED 500W HALOGEN FLOODLIGHT



WELL AIMED 100W FLOODLIGHT

1) **Keep it down:**

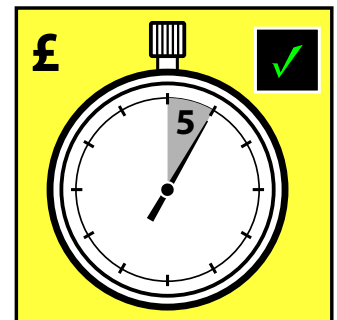
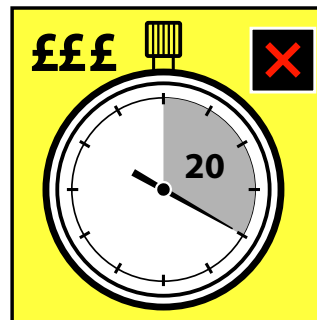
Minimise blinding glare and avoid wasted light shining into the sky or neighbouring property by tilting the floodlight down as far as possible. Only the area to be lit should be covered by the beam. Site the floodlight as high as is practical, as this enables less tilt, and provides safer, more even lighting that cannot be tampered with by intruders. This can save money too by letting you use a lower wattage bulb - 150w instead of 300w or 500w.



2) **Keep it controlled:**

A passive infra-red sensor (PIR) connected to your floodlight can help by triggering light only when it's needed, reducing running costs and pollution, as well as alerting you to potential intruders.

Prevent your PIR 'crying wolf' by siting it away from heat sources and areas used by straying pets. These can trigger the light accidentally creating an annoyance and costing you money.



3) **Keep it off:**

Most PIR sensors can be adjusted to keep the light on for 2 to 20 minutes once triggered. Adjust your PIR to the shortest time that suits your needs.

This will save you money, reduce potential glare problems for neighbours and pedestrians, and allow everyone to enjoy the night sky when the light is off.