

# It's all about how we perceive threat

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The way a threat is construed determines the effectiveness of the types of strategies that one embarks upon to resolve it, according to a new study.

According to author Alexa Tullett, upon noticing that your house has been burgled “there’s more than one way to interpret this event. You could see it as an indication that there’s a bad apple in your neighbourhood, and in this case you would only feel comforted if that person was arrested.

On the other hand, you could see it as an indication that your neighbourhood is less safe than you thought, and in this case there would be many things that could ease your concern: getting better locks, starting a community watch program, or having a greater police presence,” she added.

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