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## FA guard on home front

THE Football Association is close to hiring three security firms to protect the homes and families of England football players while they are away at the World Cup.

The companies are expected to roll out an array of measures, including putting teams of ex-military men on call in case of a break-in and kitting out players' mansions with high-tech thermal detection gear and loudspeakers to warn burglars they are being watched.

Ray Whitworth, the FA's head of security, is



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Wag parade: the FA is to protect players' families

understood to be worried that thieves will target the homes of England players who will be in South Africa for up to six weeks for the tournament.

Several Premier League stars have been burgled while out of the country. The home of Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard was broken into in 2007 while he was

playing a match in France. Contego, an arm of Guide Security Services, the security firm owned by the trust of Jack Walker, the former owner of Blackburn Rovers, will be hired to look after players' home security. Two other firms will take on other responsibilities, such as providing bodyguards in South Africa.