

Residential Burglary Prevention

Simple and practical recommendations to
reduce your risk of home burglary



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Residential Burglaries

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Burglary and theft from residential premises impose a significant cost upon the community. The experience of being burgled can be a very traumatic one for victims who may be left feeling angry, violated and unsafe in their own home.

Most burglaries occur during daylight hours, when homes are often vacant. However, it is essential to ensure that your home is secure at all times, day and night.

Reducing the Risk of Burglary

The risk of burglary can be reduced. Research has shown that security devices such as locks and burglar alarms are effective in reducing the risk of burglary, and that the risk of burglary is lower in neighbourhoods where the residents have a strong sense of community and look out for each other.

Many burglaries occur when an offender discovers an open window or unlocked door, and takes the opportunity to enter the home and steal cash or other items of value. Making sure that your home and other buildings (e.g. garage/garden shed) are always secure is an effective way to reduce the likelihood that opportunistic burglars will see your home as an easy target.

A number of strategies which may help to prevent your home being burgled are suggested in this brochure. In addition to security measures, simple behavioural changes, such as leaving a light on when you go out to make your house look occupied, can be an effective deterrent to would-be burglars.

Repeat Burglaries

Unfortunately, once you have been burgled there is a very real possibility that you could be burgled again, and this could occur within a relatively short period of time. The same burglar/s who committed the initial burglary, or their associate/s, may be responsible for the repeat burglary.

Reasons for a repeat burglary can include the following:

- ▶ Burglars know there are additional items of value in a home and view it as an easy target because they cannot see any obvious improvements in the security of the home.
- ▶ Burglars may try to burgle a home again within 4 - 6 weeks of the first burglary because they think that the goods previously stolen will have been replaced through insurance.
- ▶ Burglars may return because they now have a buyer for some particular item they saw on the first occasion.
- ▶ Burglars return to burgle other residential buildings (e.g. if the garden shed was broken into on the first occasion, the home may be burgled on a return visit).
- ▶ Burglars acting independently of each other may consider the house to be an attractive target on separate occasions. For example a house which is often empty, has poor security and is located in an isolated area is likely to be an attractive target to most burglars.



If you have been burgled recently and you think it is possible that your residence may be vulnerable to a repeat burglary for any of the reasons outlined above, it is strongly recommended that you address any security shortfalls that may leave your home and garage/shed vulnerable to burglary.

Home Safety

Fire Safety

While it is important to make your home secure to reduce the risk of burglary, you must be careful not to compromise your fire safety. Make sure that you are able to leave your home quickly in the event of a fire by having door and window locks “keyed alike”. One key should open all doors, and another key open all windows.

Deadlocks that can be opened from the inside without a key are strongly recommended. If your deadlocks require a key to open them from inside, leave the keys in the locks when you are at home.

Smoke alarms should be installed in all bedrooms and between living and sleeping accommodation.



Designing to Prevent Crime in New Homes

If you are building a new home, talk to your architect, builder and local council about safer design measures. Features such as solid core doors, window locks, improved exterior lighting (including sensor lights), an alarm system, and good quality deadlocks on doors will help make your new home more secure.

General Tips to Help Prevent Burglary

Neighbours

Neighbours are your first line of defence against crime. Get to know them and ask them to keep an eye on your home when you are out or on holiday. Offer to do the same for them. Consider joining Neighbourhood Watch.

House Number

Make sure your house number is clearly visible, day and night, from the street so that police and emergency services can find your home quickly. If your home is situated on a corner the number should face the street named in your address.

Don't Leave Messages on Your Door

Messages left on doors tell burglars you are out. Request your friends and relatives not to leave notes on your door and pay them the same courtesy. Parcels sitting on the doorstep can also let a burglar know that no one is home. Arrange for a neighbour to collect goods if you plan to have them delivered while you are out.

Keys

- ▶ Never hide your home key under a doormat, in the meter box, in a pot plant or any other obvious place. Instead, leave a spare key with a relative or trusted neighbour.
- ▶ Don't mark your keys with your full name or address. If you lose them a prospective burglar who finds them will be able to identify your home. Instead, mark your keys with your initials and date of birth.
- ▶ Don't give keys to tradespeople regardless of how long they will be working in your home. Instead, arrange for a neighbour to let them in and lock up after them when they leave.
- ▶ If you move into a new home it may be advisable to change the exterior locks because you never know who might have a duplicate key.
- ▶ If your home has been broken into and your keys (or spares) are stolen you should change the cylinders in the locks or fit additional locks.

Ladders and Tools

Make sure that you don't leave ladders and tools lying around. Burglars may use them to break into your home. Store household equipment in a locked garage or shed. Ask your neighbours to do the same. If you don't have a shed or garage then padlock your ladder to something secure. Avoid leaving loose bricks, rocks or other objects around that could be used to break windows.

The Garden

Don't give burglars the opportunity to hide in your garden and break into your home unnoticed. Make sure that your windows and doors are not obscured by trees and shrubs. External lighting (particularly sensor lights) is also effective.

Going Out at Night

When going out at night, leave a light and the TV or radio switched on to make your home appear occupied. Automatic timer devices can be used to switch the lights or TV on after dark.

Lock Doors When Working Outside

If you are gardening, working in the back yard, or an isolated part of your home, make sure your home is secure. Homes have been burgled while the owners are present and working out of sight.



Telephone Directory

List only your initials and surname in the telephone directory. Burglars sometimes try to identify homes which are unoccupied by making phone calls to homes in the area they wish to target.

Pet Doors

Some pet doors are large enough to enable a small person to enter your home. Pet doors should be small enough to permit only a cat or small dog to gain entry. Make sure it is not possible to manipulate the inside locks by reaching through a pet door.

Garbage

Empty garbage bins lying on streets can be a signal to a burglar that no one is home. Where a wheelie bin is required by your local council, arrange for a neighbour to bring it in after the rubbish is collected. When your wheelie bin is not in use, lock it in a garage or shed, or chain it up to prevent it being used by a burglar to reach a window.

Funeral and Wedding Notices

Funeral and wedding notices containing an address can tell potential burglars when and where to strike. Avoid the use of addresses in classified notices.

Cash and Valuables

Keep cash and highly valuable items such as jewellery out of easy reach and out of sight. Consider purchasing a quality home safe if you require your valuables to be within reach at all times. Alternatively, use a safety deposit box at a bank for especially valuable items.

Electrical Goods Packaging

After purchasing new electrical goods, don't leave the empty boxes and cartons (packaging) outside with your normal rubbish, particularly for popular items like TVs, DVDs, Stereos and PlayStations. Dispose of the packaging in some other way (by taking it straight to the rubbish tip or storing it somewhere until you can dispose of it at the tip). The presence of electrical goods packaging outside your home can signal to potential burglars that you have some new, highly desirable goods in your home.

Intruder in Your Home

If you hear an intruder in your home - **do not** confront the offender and risk injury. Concentrate on staying safe. If there is no risk of immediate confrontation, phone the police and then try to get out of the home as quickly as possible. If you have a mobile phone, wait until you are safely outside and then phone the police.

If you are outside and see signs of a burglary, **do not** enter as the burglar may still be present. Go to a neighbour's home and call the police. Wait with your neighbour until the police arrive. Try to record the descriptions of any suspects or suspicious vehicles.

Phone

- ▶ If you have a touch phone, key in the following numbers so that they can be dialled by pressing one button:
 - 131 444 (police attendance for non-urgent matters)
 - 000 (emergencies only)
 - Neighbour, family or close friend (for support and assistance in the event that you are burgled)
- ▶ Put a phone next to your bed at night.
- ▶ Do not leave messages on your answering machine that may indicate you live alone or that no one is home.

Garage

An empty garage usually means no one is home so keep your garage doors closed when you go out in the car.

Gates and Fences

Gates and fences mark the boundaries of your property and should restrict access and be well maintained at all times. When you are out or on holiday, lock your gate/s to make it more difficult for burglars to gain access to your home.

Door Knocking

One of the most common ways burglars check to see whether a house is occupied is by knocking on the door. If someone answers the door a burglar may claim to be looking for someone or ask for a glass of water. If you become aware of any suspicious door knocking in your neighbourhood contact the police.

Vacant Properties

Burglars target houses which are vacant, as well as those which are occupied. Property such as hot water cylinders, stoves, fittings and heaters (e.g. wood heaters, panel heaters) may be targeted in burglaries of vacant properties. If you have a house that will be left vacant for any significant period of time, make sure that it is checked regularly and kept secure.



Holidays

A home left empty for a long period of time is a prime target for burglars. When you go on holidays, try to make your home appear occupied and reduce the risk of burglary by:

- ▶ Making sure your home and garage/shed are secure. Check all windows and doors are locked.
- ▶ Cancelling milk and paper deliveries. Arrange for your mail to be collected by a friend or neighbour, or have it held or redirected.
- ▶ Arranging for a neighbour, friend or relative to remove junk mail and mow your lawn.
- ▶ Turning down your telephone so burglars can't hear it ringing for a long time unanswered. Consider having your phone diverted to a friend or relative or to your mobile while you are away (ask your phone service provider about the cost of this service).
- ▶ Informing local police and a trusted neighbour of your absence and leaving a contact name and number.
- ▶ Having a light and the TV or radio connected to an automatic timer set to switch on at night.
- ▶ Locking away all tools, ladders and anything else that could be used to gain entry to your home, garage or shed.
- ▶ Leaving a key with a relative or trusted neighbour and asking him/her to enter your home while you are away to check on your home and make sure that it stays secure.
- ▶ Asking a friend or relative to house-sit for you while you are away.

Security Measures

Doors

The external doors of your home should be of solid core construction and fitted with deadlocks. Install deadlocks that can be opened from the inside without a key. Deadlocks should also be “keyed alike” so that one key will open all the doors.

A good quality security door on your external doors assists with ventilation and is a barrier for unknown callers and burglars.

Fit a double-sided locking handle and patio door bolts to all sliding doors. A snug-fitting block of wood placed in the lower rack of the sliding door can also make it more difficult for burglars to slide the door open far enough to gain entry.

A door viewer (peephole) will give you a wide angle view of the person on the other side of the door. Remember to check first and ask for identification before opening the door. If someone comes to your door seeking help, have them wait outside with the door closed while you make the emergency call for them.

The inactive leaf of a set of double doors (french doors) should be fitted with concealed lever push bolts, or preferably, key-operated locks. The other leaf can be fitted with a deadlock/deadbolt and used as a normal door.



Lockwood 355™ Deadlock

A common method of gaining entry is to smash the glass window in a door (or next to the door) to unlock the door. Deadlocks can help prevent a burglar from gaining entry via this method, provided that the deadlock is engaged and the key is not left in the lock.



Whitco Lockable Chainwinder

Windows

All windows should be fitted with quality keyed window locks unless the windows are grilled. Have all locks “keyed alike” so that one key will open all windows.

Windows should be secured so that they cannot be lifted from their tracks. If replacing glass, consider using other materials which are harder to break or penetrate.

If you want to leave your windows open, consider installing aesthetically pleasing, solidly constructed aluminium or steel window security grilles. If security grilles are placed on windows, ensure that some grilles are hinged so that you are able to exit in an emergency.

If you have an older style house which has a louvre window in a bathroom or toilet, for example, consider replacing the window or fitting bars or grilles. Burglars find it very easy to remove the slats and gain entry via a louvre window.

Dogs

Research based on interviews with burglars suggests that dogs can help to reduce the risk of burglary. Some breeds of dog are more of a deterrent than others, but generally burglars do not like barking dogs, regardless of the size or breed of the dog. Unlike other security measures, dogs require care and attention (e.g. feeding, grooming and exercise) and may not be suitable for your household. Excessive barking can also be a concern for neighbours.

Security Alarms

Alarms should not be a substitute for good physical security but rather an addition to it.

Obtaining more than one quote when purchasing a security alarm will help to ensure you are getting the best system for your particular requirements.

There are several alarm components available, such as:

- ▶ Movement detectors which react to movement and/or heat can be placed in strategic locations around your home.
- ▶ Magnetic Reed Switches - electro-mechanical devices which are activated when the electronic circuit is broken.
- ▶ Duress or panic assistance in the form of a fixed button, coded pad pin alert, or a portable device connected to an alarm.

A good alarm should:

- ▶ Include 24-hour battery backup.
- ▶ Comply with Australian Standards 2201.
- ▶ Have two tamper-resistant sirens, one inside and one outside.
- ▶ Have a user-friendly code pad and control box.
- ▶ Be installed by a reputable company that has technicians available every day throughout the year.
- ▶ Have a 12 month warranty on components and installation as a minimum.



AVOLUTION™ LCD Keypad

No alarms are directly connected to a police station. An alarm monitoring security company may be relied upon to ensure an effective response (notifying the police if necessary) to the alarm. Alternatively, you can monitor your alarm yourself using your mobile phone, or ask a neighbour, friend or relative to monitor it.

Some burglars know how to disable an alarm by cutting the phone and/or power lines. Good quality alarms which have a battery back-up and rely on a mobile phone connection rather than a land line may be more resistant to alarm tampering.

If you have an audible alarm, try to make sure that the alarm box is out of easy reach so that a potential burglar will find it difficult to disable the siren.



External Lighting

Good external security lighting can be a very effective deterrent to many burglars, as this increases the likelihood that they will be seen and identified.

Security lighting should be installed around the perimeter of your home, particularly over entry/exit points. Lights should be housed within vandal-resistant containers and mounted to restrict tampering.

Security lights should be connected to a time switch, heat or motion-sensing devices to enable the lights to be automatically activated/deactivated at pre-determined times.

Property Marking

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Engraving or marking your property with a UV pen clearly identifies you as the owner of the property.

Marking your property may deter some burglars because they will find it more difficult to dispose of the goods. Having your property marked will also assist police to return it to you if it is stolen and subsequently recovered.

Property Inventory

A detailed inventory should be kept of all your property. Record the serial numbers, makes, purchase date, models, colour and size of your property.

Keep the inventory in a safe place, making sure to update it when new items of property are obtained.

Taking digital photographs of your property may assist police in the identification and recovery of items.



Operation Identification

Operation Identification is a Neighbourhood Watch project designed to discourage the theft of valuables from your home.

This is achieved by householders placing an identifying mark on appropriate items of value that could be stolen.

To participate, contact your Neighbourhood Watch area for further details. They may have an engraver you can borrow and will advise you as to the use of engraving and alternative methods of property marking.

What You Should Mark

All types of personal property are vulnerable to theft. The following items should be marked. Check off each item on the list after you have marked them:

Inside the Home:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Televisions | <input type="checkbox"/> Video/DVD Player |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MP3 Player/iPod | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio/CD Player |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Microwaves | <input type="checkbox"/> Cameras |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Appliances | <input type="checkbox"/> CDs And DVDs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sporting Goods | <input type="checkbox"/> Stereos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Musical Instruments | <input type="checkbox"/> Playstations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Clocks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hot Water Cylinders | <input type="checkbox"/> Heaters |

Outside:

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Power Tools | <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn Mower |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trailers | <input type="checkbox"/> Chainsaws |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Tools | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welding Equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse Floats |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Pumps | <input type="checkbox"/> Rotary Hoe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tool Boxes | <input type="checkbox"/> Slasher |

In the Car:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio/CD | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Telephones |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speakers | <input type="checkbox"/> Mag Wheels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tools | <input type="checkbox"/> Tool Box |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Battery | |

How to Mark Your Property

1. Engraving

This method leaves a visible and permanent mark. Engravers are available for purchase from hardware stores or it may be possible to borrow one from your nearest Neighbourhood Watch area.

Seek operating advice before using an engraver. Not all items are suitable for engraving.

2. UV Pen

A UV pen can be used to mark your property. Although the mark is permanent it is only visible with a blue light. This may be available from your Neighbourhood Watch area.

3. Photo/Video Record

Video or photograph items which are not suitable for property marking, next to a tape measure, to assist in determining their size. Such items include:

- | | |
|---|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jewellery | <input type="checkbox"/> Furs etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watches | <input type="checkbox"/> Antiques |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Silverware | <input type="checkbox"/> Paintings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collectables | <input type="checkbox"/> Furniture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stamp and coin collections | |

What Code to Use

Mark your property with your driver's licence number preceded by the letter T (for Tasmania). This will enable your property be traced, even in another State.

If you don't have a driver's licence, use the driver's licence number of a relative or close friend.

If you have any of your marked property stolen, make sure that you advise Tasmania Police which code you have used.

Project Deadlatch

ASSA ABLOY (Lockwood Locks) Australia currently sponsor **Project Deadlatch** which provides deadlocks free of charge to people over 65 who meet certain criteria.

If you are over the age of 65 years, have been the victim of a home burglary or other crime or feel vulnerable and do not have deadlocks on your entrance doors contact your local Community Policing Officer who will be able to discuss your possible involvement in **Project Deadlatch**.

**Phone or contact
Community Policing on 131 444**



Lockwood 001® Deadlatch

Neighbourhood Watch

What and Where is Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch is a community-based crime prevention program. It is aimed at minimising the incidence of preventable crime, especially burglary, within a defined area.

It operates throughout Tasmania within local communities affected by crime and where there is also a demonstrated desire to introduce the program.

It ensures maximum protection and assistance in the fight against crime. Many areas in Tasmania have already established Neighbourhood Watch.

Why is it Needed?

In order to decrease the incidence of crime Tasmania Police need to develop cooperative partnerships with individuals and community groups, such as Neighbourhood Watch.

How Does it Start?

The level of interest amongst residents is canvassed and a public meeting is called. Volunteers are invited to assist with the implementation of the Program.

From the volunteers, an Area Coordinator is elected who is responsible for liaison and information exchange between Police and residents.



What is Involved?

Residents in Neighbourhood Watch areas are educated in crime prevention and through four basic steps become involved in an active way by:

1. Participating in Operation Identification - the marking of valuable household items, such as a television or stereo, with their driver's licence number preceded by the letter T for Tasmania.
2. Informing residents of the incidence of crime in their area and advising how to identify and report criminal activity.
3. Increasing residents' knowledge of practical, personal and household security measures.
4. Using sign-posting in areas where Neighbourhood Watch operates as a deterrent to criminal intrusion.

Neighbourhood Watch depends on a commitment of cooperation between the community and Police but more importantly between neighbours themselves.

For more information please contact Neighbourhood Watch on 131 444 or visit the website www.nhwtas.org.au.

Crime Stoppers

**SEE something, HEAR something,
DO something ANONYMOUSLY –
Call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**

Crime Stoppers Tasmania was established in February 1994. Its aim is to make Tasmania a safer and more secure State by actively involving the community and the media in the fight against crime.

Crime Stoppers is a non-profit, community based, crime solving organisation with reward money coming from funds raised through donations and sponsorship. Crime Stoppers is administered by a Board of Directors which includes voluntary representatives from business, the community and Tasmania Police.

What is Crime Stoppers?

Put simply, Crime Stoppers is a tripartite approach to solving crime. It relies on co-operation between the police, the media and the general community to provide a flow of information about crime and criminals.

All information can be given anonymously in a positive atmosphere free from fear of retribution or reprisal.



How Does it Work?

- ▶ Crime Stoppers provides a dedicated telephone line for receiving information about criminal and illegal activity which may solve or assist to solve crime
- ▶ Callers may be entitled to a reward for information leading to the charging or arrest of offenders or if drugs or stolen goods are recovered
- ▶ All callers remain anonymous even when collecting a reward
- ▶ Only a code number given to you at the time of providing your information will identify you
- ▶ To collect the reward, Crime Stoppers Tasmania has an arrangement with one of Australia's largest banks for you to collect your reward – in cash – by quoting your code number. (you do not need an account with the bank)
- ▶ Calls are not traced or recorded

Call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000

Crime Stoppers Tasmania
GPO Box 308
Hobart TASMANIA 7001
www.tas.crimestoppers.com.au

Victims of Crime Service

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The Victims of Crime Service assists anyone who has suffered because the law has been broken. This can include the victim, members of the victim's family, friends or associates.

The Service assists victims in all aspects of the impact of a crime and aims to ensure the needs and rights of a victim are heard and acted upon by government and the community.

The service provides personalised assistance with a minimum of formality and respects the clients' ability to determine their own needs and solutions. Victims of Crime Service promotes the Charter of Victims Rights and helps people regain control of their lives.

What the Victims of Crime Service Offers

- ▶ Personal support information and access to counselling 24 hours a day.
- ▶ Referral to appropriate personal and community services.
- ▶ Information regarding the Criminal Justice System including:
 - Court processes
 - Progress of police enquiries
 - Charges
 - Outcome of prosecution
 - Impending parole or release from custody
 - Support for people attending court
 - Assistance with Victim Impact Statements
 - Information regarding the rights of victims
 - Information and assistance with Criminal Injuries Compensation.

For further information please contact:

Victims of Crime Service

Phone toll free 1300 300 238 (all hours)



Tasmania Police

Home Security Audit

This checklist has been developed as a guide for assessing house's resistance to crime. Answering 'No' to a question indicates areas where you could take action to improve the security of your home.

HOUSE NUMBER

It is important that your house number is visible from the street to assist emergency service locate your home.

Question	Comment	Date to be fixed	Complete
Is house number visible from street? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Is house number visible at night? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>

FENCES AND GATES

Fences can be used to define your property boundary and limit access into your property. Front fences should be open-style to increase visibility into your yard, this will help to identify intruders to your property.

Question	Comment	Date to be fixed	Complete
Does the fence around your house allow for natural surveillance from the road and/or footpath so people trespassing can be seen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Is your fence in good condition? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Can the gate(s) be secured? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>

LANDSCAPING

Trees and other landscaping should be maintained to increase visibility into your yard and reduce hiding places. Tree branches should be trimmed to prevent intruders accessing upper story windows, balconies or sky lights.

Question	Comment	Date to be fixed	Complete
Are shrubs and bushes trimmed so they don't block visibility into house? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Are trees maintained so they can't be used as natural ladders to upper levels? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Could an intruder find a place to hide in your front yard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>

LIGHTING

Sensor lighting should be installed around the perimeter of your home, particularly over entry/exit points to increase visibility at night. Consider using light timers to turn lights on/off when you're not at home.

Question	Comment	Date to be fixed	Complete
Do you have sensor lighting installed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the sensor lighting work? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Are entry/exit points to your home adequately lit? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have light timers? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>

LETTERBOX AND POWERBOARD

Your letterbox should be fitted with a suitable lock to limit access to your mail. The powerboard should also be housed within an appropriate lockable cabinet to restrict tampering with your power supply.

Question	Comment	Date to be fixed	Complete
Does your letterbox have a secure lock? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you keep your letterbox securely locked? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Is your powerboard enclosed within a lockable cabinet? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>

DOORS

External doors and frames should be of a solid construction, and fitted with quality deadlocks that meet Australian / New Zealand standards. Fire regulations must also be met to enable occupants to escape during emergencies such as fires. Installation of a peephole will help you identify people at the door before opening it. Also, consider installing patio bolts on sliding doors for added security of your home.

Question	Comment	Date to be fixed	Complete
Are all external doors and frames of a solid construction? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all doors fitted with quality locks that are in good working order? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all doors locked and keys removed from locks when no one is home? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Does your front door have a peephole installed at a suitable height? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>

DOORS (CONTINUED)

Question	Comment	Date to be fixed	Complete
Does your house have security screen doors? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Is access to underneath your house restricted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>

WINDOWS

External windows and frames should be of a solid construction. All windows should be fitted with quality keyoperated locks and locked when not in use. Existing glass can be laminated or reinforced internally with a shatter-resistant adhesive film to restrict access.

Question	Comment	Date to be fixed	Complete
Are windows of a solid construction? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Are windows fitted with quality locks? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Are windows kept locked when no one is at home? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Are windows reinforced with shatter resistant adhesive film/ laminated glass? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Are skylights suitable secured? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>

GARAGE AND GARDEN SHED

The garage and garden shed door and windows should be securely locked to restrict access. The garden shed should be securely anchored to the ground to prevent lifting. Garden tools, equipment and ladders should be locked away when not in use, so they are not to gain entry to your home.

Question	Comment	Date to be fixed	Complete
Can your garage be securely locked? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you keep your garage locked? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you keep your garden shed locked? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you keep your vehicle locked when it is in the garage? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Are ladders, wheelie bins, tools and valuable equipment locked away? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Record descriptions/model/serial numbers and photos of property for easy identification. Ensure these records are secured safely. Mark your property with a traceable number (e.g. your drivers licence number) for identification. Your local library, police station or neighbourhood watch may have an engraver or ultra-violent pen you can arrange to borrow.

Question	Comment	Date to be fixed	Complete
Do you have an up-to-date inventory of your home contents, with photos? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the inventory and photographs stored securely? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Are your household valuables engraved/ marked for identification? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>

SAFE, KEY AND VALUABLE CONTROLS

Consider installing a safe for added security for your valuables. Safes should be manufactured and installed to the Australian/New Zealand standard. The safe should be concealed, securely anchored to the foundations and kept locked when not in use.

Keys (including vehicle keys) should not be left in locks or in plain sight, as thieves may use them to gain entry to your home and/or steal your vehicle. Spare keys should not be hidden outside the home.

Limit the amount of cash kept at home, as this is often not covered by insurance. Also secure jewellery and do not keep valuables in plain sight.

Question	Comment	Date to be fixed	Complete
Do you have a safe that is securely anchored out of plain sight? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Are your valuables (including your wallet and mobile phone) and jewellery secured and out of plain sight? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
If you keep cash at home, is it stored securely out of plain sight? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Are keys (including spare keys and garage door remote controls) kept out of plain sight (e.g. not on a key hook hung on a wall)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>

INTRUDER ALARM SYSTEMS

Intruder alarm systems should be manufactured and installed to the Australian / New Zealand standard. Research has shown that monitored / back-to-based intruder alarm systems are more effective as they alert your security company of intrusions, resulting in a quicker response. The system should be designed to provide maximum coverage of the home and garage. Remember to regularly check the battery and test the system.

Question	Comment	Date to be fixed	Complete
Does your house and garage have an intruder alarm system installed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the intruder alarm system monitored / back-to-base? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you regularly test your alarm system and check the battery? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have an alarm system sticker displayed to deter possible intruders? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/>

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How secure is your home?

Not sure? Then why not have a **FREE Lockwood 5 STAR Security Check** done on your home. This check will provide you with the best possible locking solutions for your entry doors, windows and outdoor locking including sheds and garage.

Protect yourself and your family, ask your local locksmith to do a **5 STAR Security Check** and Lock up with Lockwood.

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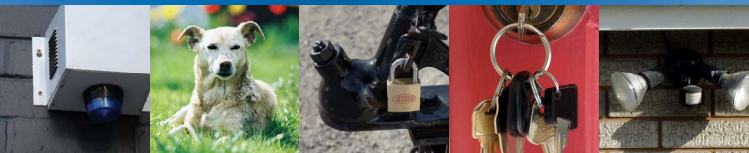
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Community Policing on 131 444



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