

Before you consider installing or upgrading security measures, take the time to assess your own situation.

In many cases it may not be necessary, or cost effective to install elaborate security measures.

The two most effective methods of preventing burglary are:

1. Securing your premises, and
2. Using common sense

The best way to protect your premises from burglary is to install and use deadlocks, window locks, security doors and an alarm.

Consider using locks that meet the relevant Australian Security Standards.

Devise a security plan which may include a budget to purchase security items.

Don't leave notes for people or keys in obvious places. Get into the habit of checking the security of your house before leaving and never take the "It'll never happen to me" approach.

Don't take security and safety of your home for granted. Make a conscious effort to both safeguard your belongings and prevent household accidents.



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SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Program "000" into your phone
- Consider locks with safety releases which minimise the chance of locking yourself in
- Be secure but also be fire safe: purchase locks with status indication
- Learn CPR/first aid procedures
- Keep poisons/medication locked away from children
- Never leave your home without turning off electrical appliances
- Consider installing power point covers and child proof locks on cupboard doors
- Install and maintain smoke alarms. Change the battery when you change your clock for daylight savings. Regularly vacuum and test the alarm
- Have a fire extinguisher and/or fire blanket ready for use in the kitchen
- Have an evacuation plan and practise it with your family

For Police Attendance call "000"

This brochure contains general guidelines for home security precautions. These guidelines do not claim to be comprehensive or all embracing. The providers of this information make no representation nor give any guarantee concerning the safety or security of property.



HOME SECURITY & SAFETY ADVICE

For further information regarding residential security contact your local police station and ask for the Crime Prevention Officer or Neighbourhood Watch Divisional Co-ordinator.

Neighbourhood Watch
www.nhw.com.au

This brochure nominates areas of safety and security which may be applicable to your premises.

Marking the following checklist, may help you identify items requiring attention.

House Number

Prominent colour and size on house and gutter – 10cm/4 inches in height. A red number on white background painted on the gutter near the driveway is easily seen night and day. Never display your name/marital status

Fences

Front

Should provide good visibility to passers-by or neighbours

Driveway or access gate secured

Side/Rear

Properly maintained

Consider increasing the height using a trellis extension

Garden

Trim foliage to eliminate blind spots. Keep garden tools locked away

Mailbox

Secure and cleared daily

Shed/Garage

Kept secure at all times



Doors

Hinged doors

Solid construction Door viewer

Deadlocks Security chain

Sliding doors

Patio bolts (top and bottom) Locking door handle

Security doors

Hinged or sliding Meshed and/or grilled

Triple locking system Double cylinder lock

Windows

Sliding

Keyed pushlock or Keyed security bolt

Awning/Casement

Lockable fastener or Lockable winder or

Keyed security bolt

Sash

Keyed sash lock or Keyed window bolt

Lighting

Flood or spot

Timer operated

Sensor operated

Sunset switch

Installed near external doors/windows

Meter box/switchboard secure

Identification

Compile an inventory of belongings

- Include make, model and serial numbers (remember the shed/garage) and keep the inventory in a safe place

Place identifying marks on items

- Use your driver licence number prefixed with the letter V (for Victoria)
- If the item is too fragile or valuable, photograph it or mark it with an ultra violet pen

Absent from home

Consider automatic timing devices that turn electrical appliances and lights on and off at selected times

Turn the volume down on telephones and answering machines

Leave blinds and curtains as you normally would if at home

Develop a check list for securing your premises and use it before leaving

Alarms

If you want to install an alarm, seek professional advice to identify which type suits you best

Make sure it complies with Australian Standards

