

Home safety holiday checklist



Lock up when you leave

- ☐ Lock all doors, windows, gates, sheds, pet doors, skylights and access points
- ☐ Remove any spare keys hidden outside your house
- ☐ Lock and secure your car if leaving it at home

Make your home seem occupied

- ☐ Set timers to switch on lights and the radio or TV at appropriate times
- ☐ Install or check exterior sensor lighting
- ☐ Turn down the volume on your telephone ringer and turn off alarm clocks
- ☐ Mow your lawn and trim shubbery around front entry

Cancel deliveries

- ☐ Cancel newspaper deliveries
- ☐ Arrange a hold or redirection of your mail with Australia Post
- ☐ Put a “no junk mail” sticker on your mailbox

Conceal valuables

- ☐ Hide valuables such as laptops, jewellery and keys so they can't be seen from outside
- ☐ Lock away all ladders and tools

Ask neighbours, friends or family to:

- ☐ House-sit or keep an eye on your place
- ☐ Collect mail and junk mail daily
- ☐ Park their car in your driveway
- ☐ Put your garbage bins out on collection day
- ☐ Open and close blinds at appropriate times of the day

Don't advertise your holiday plans online

- ☐ Set your social media accounts to “private” or “friends only” and delete followers you don't know
- ☐ Register your absence from home with Victoria Police at www.police.vic.gov.au/home-and-property

This checklist has been prepared by Neighbourhood Watch Victoria as a guide to assist the public to reduce the risk of residential burglary while they are away from home. This checklist does not guarantee that all security risks have been identified or that the property or the area evaluated will be completely secure and free from criminal activity if all recommendations are followed.