

# 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 regular deliveries such as newspapers and food boxes
- 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](http://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 home 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.