



Neighbourhood Watch
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Victoria



Caravan security - when home and away

The simple things you can do to protect your property



Securing your caravan/ recreational vehicle

Don't reverse into your space. Instead put the hitch away from the standard access which means that a criminal would have to turn your car and van (or motorhome) around to escape – and that takes longer.

Lock all windows and doors when you leave your caravan or recreational vehicle even if it is parked on your own property or if you will only be away for a short time.

At night, park your caravan or recreational vehicle in a well-lit and secure area, if possible.

Don't hide a spare set of car keys anywhere in or around your car, caravan or RV.

Don't leave the engine of your recreational vehicle running if it is unattended.

Consider using additional security such as a wheel clamp, hitch security device, alarm, steering lock, engine immobiliser or tracking device.

Store your caravan when it is not in

use in a securely fenced yard, locked building or commercial storage facility. Keep in mind that if you usually park your van on the front lawn or in your drive, when you go on holidays it will be very obvious that you are away.

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Securing your personal property

Remove temptation. Never leave valuables visible in your caravan or recreational vehicle when you leave it. Remove them or put them away in a drawer, cupboard or security box. Get a safe. If you are travelling with any valuables, consider bringing along a small safe.

Close the curtains so that the interior of the caravan is not readily visible.

Install a light which switches on automatically when it gets dark to make the caravan look occupied.

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You may even install some external sensor lights for when you are caravanning out in the bush or away from a caravan park.

Mark your property with your personal identification number as a deterrent to thieves. Your property should be marked with your Driver Licence number prefixed with a “V” - for Victoria. You can mark your property with an engraver. Use an Ultra Violet pen on delicate objects or adhere Data Dots.

Property that cannot be marked should be photographed eg, jewellery, antiques etc. Place a ruler beside the item when photographing to give an idea of its size.

Record details of the serial numbers, make and model of all items of value. Secure the list with your valuable documents and register your vehicle at www.propertyvault.com.au.

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If you leave your caravan at home when you go away, tell your neighbours that you will be absent and that you haven't given anybody permission to use the van.

If you are travelling with your van - which is usually parked at your home - ensure that your neighbours know that you are away and:

- Make it look like someone is home. Arrange a house-sitter or ask a trusted neighbour for help to bring the bin in and out and empty the letterbox.
- Lock all doors and windows.
- Improve the security of your home: Sensor lights, alarms.
- Secure valuables by keeping them in a safe place.

And ask your neighbour to ring the Police on Triple Zero (000) immediately if they see something suspicious.



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