

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 the 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 blanket ready for use in the kitchen
- Have an evacuation plan and practice 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.

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



# HOME SECURITY & SAFETY ADVICE



LOCK UP WITH LOCKWOOD

**Neighbourhood Watch**  
[www.neighbourhoodwatch.com.au](http://www.neighbourhoodwatch.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 gates 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 valuable or unique, 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

