



Key Crime Prevention Tips

- Appearances : Make it look like someone is home. Arrange a house-sitter or ask a trusted neighbour for help.
- Lock all doors and windows
- Improve the security of your home
- Secure valuables by keeping them in a safe place.

In The Event of Burglary

- Report any suspicious activity in your neighbourhood to police.
- If you have been burgled, do not touch anything. Call police on 100

If somebody breaks in while you're at home :

- Get out or find a safe place, such as a secure room and call police on 100
- The safety of yourself and others is more important than trying to prevent a burglary.



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**Preventing Burglaries
During Holidays**



Preventing Burglaries During Holidays

The holiday season should be a time to relax and celebrate with family and friends. However, it is still important to be proactive about keeping your home and community safe, especially if you are going away.

Follow this advice in addition to the Preventing Burglaries from Homes Fact Sheet to help keep your home secure while you're away on holidays.

Holiday Burglary Prevention Checklist

Keep up Appearances

If possible, consider a house-sitter to look after your home while you're away

Put a stop on your mail or ensure it is collected regularly and not left overflowing in your letter box

Cancel any newspaper subscriptions-uncollected newspapers can tell burglars you're not at home

Arrange for a neighbour to take your bins out and in

Ask a neighbour to occasionally park their car in your parking area

Arrange for a neighbour or friend to maintain your garden and mow your lawn

Turn down the volume on your telephone (land line) so burglars cannot hear it ringing

Set up a timer for a lamp or lights to come on at night

Set up a timer for a radio to turn on and off throughout the day

Be careful when posting holiday plans on social media-don't advertise that your home is vacant

Lock Up and Improve Security

Install locks on all doors and windows

Install and activate an alarm system

Lock away tools and other items which could be used in a burglary



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- Lock all doors and windows
- Appearance : Make it look like someone is home when you're out
- Detect : Make it harder for burglars to get in without being seen
- Secure valuables in a safe or hidden place

Key Security

- Only leave spare keys with a trusted neighbour. Newer hide them on your property.
- Keep all spare keys or car keys in a secure place-car keys may be stolen in a burglary and used for car theft.

Mark Valuable Property

- Use an engraver or ultra-violet marker to identify your property, Marked property is harder to sell and easier to return if located.
- Mark with 'V' followed by your drivers licence number i.e. V123456.
- Photograph valuables and record details on a property inventory form.



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Preventing Burglaries From Homes



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Preventing Burglaries From Homes

Burglaries are a violation of your privacy and security. The personal impact and loss of irreplaceable items may be even greater than the value of the items stolen.

Most burglaries are opportunistic and occur during the day when residents are not at home. The most commonly stolen items include jewellery, cash, computers and other electrical equipment, however burglars will steal anything they find valuable. Use these tips to help protect your home and your personal belongings.

Burglary Prevention Checklist

Lock Up

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Lock all windows and doors, even when you're at home. Unlocked side and rear doors and windows are the most common entry points for burglars

Install deadlocks on all external doors and windows -remember to disengage deadlocks when you are inside to allow easy escape in the event of a life

Install a security screen door

Lock your mailbox to prevent the theft of mail and personal documents

Keep garden tools and ladders locked away. Your tools may be used by thieves during a burglary to gain entry to your home

Keep garages and sheds locked

Other Actions

Get to know your neighbours. They may recognise unusual activity when you're out

Bring in your bins and collect mail regularly so your home looks lived in. Ask a neighbour to bring your bin in if you are away for a while

Make sure your house is visible from the street so passersby and neighbours can detect suspicious activity

Cut overhanging branches and trim shrubs back from your house to make it harder for burglars to hide

Place packaging from newly purchased expensive items in the recycling bin-leaving boxes on the nature strip lets burglars know what you have inside

Consider having a dog

Install sensor lighting

Install a monitored alarm system

Check the details of any salesperson or workman that comes to your door. Report any suspicious activity to your local police

Consider installing a safe to store valuables

Backup computer hard drives

Join your local Neighbourhood watch and be an active part of crime prevention in your community