

Home Security Habits Consider a change where you answer NO

Make Security a Habit.

It Costs Nothing!

Doors and Windows

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| External doors always locked? | Y N | Including the rear sliding door and door between the garage and house (which is an external door when your garage is open). |
| Windows shut? | Y N | Shut windows when you're out, in the backyard or in another part of the house. Lock if able. |

Garages, Gates and Outdoors

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| Garage door shut? | Y N | Even if you are going out again that day, lock it if you can. An open garage door is an invitation to thieves. |
| Gates shut? | Y N | An open gate provides easy access to your yard and house. Shut gates, even when home and lock if possible. |
| Ladders, wheelie bins, garden tools secured? | Y N | These items can help thieves enter your house. Lock away or chain wheelie bins to a fixed structure away from the house. |

Vehicles

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| Valuables removed from your car? | Y N | Valuables left in cars attract attention. Take valuables inside with you. |
| Vehicles locked even in the garage? | Y N | Lock cars; all the time, every time. Even in the driveway or garage. |

Keys and Valuables

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| Keys/remotes removed from car? | Y N | Never leave keys or remotes in the car; even for a minute, even at home. |
| Car keys, credit cards, jewellery kept safely? | Y N | Keys or handbag in plain sight on a kitchen or hall table are a big incentive for thieves to enter your property. Put them away. |

Neighbours

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| Do you know your neighbours? | Y N | Neighbours can recognise unusual activity when you're out and can share information about suspicious people hanging around. |
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Home Security Areas These are the key security areas to help keep your home safe

Doors and Windows

Security screens on doors and windows? **Y N** If you like opening windows and doors for ventilation, fit bars or Australian Standard AS 5039-2008 compliant security screens.

Sheds and Outdoors

Yard fenced? **Y N** Even a low fence provides a barrier to people entering your yard and checking to see if doors or windows are unlocked.

Shed door locked with a cut resistant lock? **Y N** Is a cheap lock that can easily be cut sufficient to protect your shed's valuable contents? Invest in a cut resistant lock.

Property Marking, Recording and Tracking

Property engraved? **Y N** Engraved property is hard for thieves to dispose of. Engrave State (eg S for SA) and driver's licence number where possible.

Brands and serial numbers recorded? **Y N** Make a record of property and serial numbers. A couple of quick photos of each item of value is perfect.

Tracking software working? **Y N** Installing tracking devices (like air/smart tags/tiles) on valuable items is fantastic but make sure you know how to track them.

Other Safety Considerations

Motion sensor lighting on and working? **Y N** Movement activated lighting is still a good way to deter thieves at night and helpful when you get home!

CCTV in use? **Y N** CCTV is a deterrant to thieves and can help police identify offenders. A clear recording of people's faces is the best identification.

Warning stickers used? **Y N** Warning stickers advising of security measures like CCTV, property engraving and recording are excellent deterrents.

Holidays or Going Away

Using smart lighting or lights on a timer? **Y N** Using smart lighting/appliances or a timer switch for lights or TV/ radio to help make your home look lived in.

Deliveries paused or collection arranged? **Y N** Pause or redirect mail, newspaper or parcel deliveries or arrange to have them collected by someone trusted.

On good terms with the neighbours? **Y N** Good neighbours can look after your home if you're away, taking in bins, collecting mail and advising if anything happens.

