

Protecting your home

There is no exact definition for the type of person that burgles a house, however, there are often some typical circumstances that occur prior to a home being burgled. A burglar will usually act on easy or tempting opportunities, especially when it is evident that no one is home, or the risk of being caught is low.



What can you do?

- External doors of your home should be solid and fitted with quality deadlocks
- Fit security screen doors, designed and installed to Australian Standards to provide additional protection
- Install a door viewer that allows you to see the person before you open the door
- Fit windows with secure locks that meet Australian Standards - do not leave keys in window locks as an intruder can break the glass to unlock your windows
- Ensure security grills/shutters are properly installed, and allow exit in case of an emergency
- Install an intruder alarm system that covers all external doors, windows and garage, and is installed to Australian Standards for domestic applications
- Ensure trees and shrubs are trimmed to allow visibility to your property
- Lock away items of value, such as bikes, lawn mowers and garden implements such as ladders. Keep your garage door closed and locked
- Install perimeter security lighting including sensor lights. Mark, engrave or microdot your property with serial numbers and record them
- Join a Neighbourhood Watch Group

There are a number of things you can do to reduce the risk of having your home broken into and your possessions stolen.

Homes with windows or doors left open or unsecured, curtains closed during the day, or mail and newspapers left to accumulate in the letter box are more likely to attract a potential burglar.

A burglar is usually looking for cash or small valuable items such as jewellery, DVD players, mobile phones, laptops, MP3 players and other small electronic items that can be quickly sold for cash.



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