

# Home security

There are often typical circumstances which occur prior to a home being burgled. A burglar will usually act on easy or tempting opportunities, especially when it is evident no one is home or the risk of being caught is low.



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## What you can do

- Ensure doors are always locked with a key even when you are home.
- Ensure that all external doors, including your garage, of your home are solid and fitted with quality deadlocks.
- Consider fitting security screen doors, designed and installed to Australian Standards.
- Install a door viewer that allows you to see the person before you open the door.
- Fit secure locks to your windows which meet Australian Standards and never leave the keys in the window lock.
- Ensure security grills and shutters are properly installed and allow an exit in case of an emergency.
- Consider installing an intruder alarm system and security camera system that covers all external doors, windows and garage. Ensure the system is installed to Australian Standards for domestic applications.
- Always ensure car keys and house keys, together with mobile phones, handbags and wallets, are stored out of sight.
- Ensure trees and shrubs are trimmed to allow visibility to your property and your house number is clearly visible.
- Lock away items of value such as bikes, lawn mowers and garden implements such as ladders. Always keep your garage or shed door closed and locked with a key.
- Consider installing perimeter security lighting including sensor lights.
- Join your local Neighbourhood Watch Group at [www.nhwq.org](http://www.nhwq.org).
- Have an emergency evacuation plan and review it regularly.

## Reduce your risk of break in

Homes with windows or doors left open or unsecured are more likely to attract a potential burglar. Similarly, curtains closed during the day and mail left to accumulate will indicate you are not home and increase your risk of an opportunistic break in.

Thieves are often looking for cash or credit cards, small valuable items and electronic items which can be quickly sold for cash.

Thieves also target car keys which are left in sight. Always ensure your car and house keys are secured and stored out of sight and in the event they are stolen, have the locks replaced or keyless security reprogrammed immediately as thieves can return after their initial break in if they have keys.

