



HOME SECURITY

Reduce the opportunity for thieves to gain entry into your home, by doing the following:



LOCK your door – the most effective way to prevent thieves from entering your home.



Lock gates, garages and sheds when not in use. Lock all doors and windows, even when you are outside.



Don't leave valuables in obvious places. Thieves often target jewellery, in jewellery boxes on bedroom dressers and other valuables in bedside drawers and cupboards.



Keep your house keys, car keys and garage remote controls away from the front door or in obvious places. Thieves may use them to gain entry to your home or to steal your car.



Consider installing an alarm system, motion sensor lighting or closed circuit cameras.



Lock all garden tools and ladders away so they can't be used to break into your home.



Install security screens/doors and ensure they are key locked.



Make sure keyed locks are fitted to all of your doors and windows.



Use an ultra violet (UV) pen to mark property. Mark your valuables with your driver's licence number, prefixed by the letters 'NT' for Northern Territory e.g. NT123456.



Keep trees and bushes in front of doors and windows trimmed to avoid being used as hiding places.

HOUSE-BREAKING IS ONE OF THE MOST COMMON CRIMES AND CAN OCCUR AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY OR NIGHT.

THIS CHECKLIST IS DESIGNED TO HELP YOU TAKE A FRESH LOOK AT YOUR HOME SECURITY.

How does your home security rate?



SECURITY DOORS

At all entry/exits?	Y	N	Security doors deter intruders from entering your home
Finger guards?	Y	N	Finger guards prevent the lock on your security door/s being tampered with
Triple locks?	Y	N	Triple locks increase the strength and security of your doors

MAIN ENTRY/EXIT DOORS

Front - solid core?	Y	N	Solid doors are preferred; the door should be as strong as the lock
Front - viewer?	Y	N	Door viewers help you see who is outside your front door before you open
Back - solid core?	Y	N	Solid doors are preferred; hollow core doors should be avoided
Adequate locks?	Y	N	Deadlocks are the best type of lock to use on entry/exit doors
Keyed alike?	Y	N	For safety and ease of use, one key opens all doors

SLIDING DOORS

Patio bolts?	Y	N	Keyed patio bolts on sliding doors strengthen the security of these doors
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WINDOWS

Key operated locks?	Y	N	Key operated locks strengthen the security of your windows
Keyed alike?	Y	N	For safety and ease of use, one key opens all windows
Security screens?	Y	N	Security screens, grilles and shutters allow ventilation and can provide security
Warning stickers?	Y	N	Warning stickers may deter intruders from stealing your property

LIGHTING

Main entry/exits?	Y	N	The main entry/exit areas to your home should be well lit
Timers fitted?	Y	N	Lights left on inside your home when you are out often deter intruders
Timers used?	Y	N	Timers should be activated when away from your home at night
Sensor lighting?	Y	N	Sensor lighting in 'high risk' areas deter intruders from entering your home

PROPERTY MARKING

Engraved with code?	Y	N	Property engraving and using warning stickers on your property reduces the risk of it being stolen
Core recorded?	Y	N	Your property ID code should be recorded with police to assist them in contacting owners of recovered items
Inventory list?	Y	N	Recording serial numbers, makes, models and descriptions of your property helps police recover stolen items; and will assist you to make an insurance claim (you may wish to photograph items and store somewhere safe)

OTHER SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

Clear vision?	Y	N	Make sure all doors and windows can be seen clearly from outside
Trees/shrubs trimmed?	Y	N	Trim any trees/shrubs that conceal doors and windows from being observed from the street
Garage/shed secure?	Y	N	Garages and sheds should be securely locked at all times
Tools secure?	Y	N	Lock tools away to prevent an intruder using them to get into your house
Wheelie bins secured?	Y	N	Lock wheelie bins away or chain them to a fixed structure away from the house to prevent an intruder using them to climb into your home
Gate to your yard secured?	Y	N	Lock gates to the backyard with a keyed padlock to prevent access by intruders
Meter box secured?	Y	N	Your electricity meter box should be locked (contact your electricity provider to arrange)
House numbers?	Y	N	House numbers should be clearly visible from the road
Smoke alarms?	Y	N	Install smoke alarms and develop a fire evacuation plan
Security alarms?	Y	N	Electronic security alarm systems deter intruders from entering your home
Safe disposal of personal documents?	Y	N	All documents/paperwork containing your personal details (e.g. phone bills, medical invoices, power bills, rates notices etc.) should be totally destroyed before being placed in your wheelie bin for rubbish collection. This will help protect you from identity theft.

PERSONAL SECURITY IN THE HOME

Do you keep information about your security arrangements private?	Y	N	Be wary of providing information about your home security arrangements to people that do not need to know. Highlighting your security weakness to others could be detrimental.
Do you keep information about your personal arrangements private?	Y	N	Information about bank accounts and balances and personal particulars, including your living arrangements, should not be disclosed unnecessarily. Be conscious of also providing information to others about your planned absences from home.
Do you store valuables out of sight and reach from outside?	Y	N	Opportunistic thefts can occur when valuables are in clear view and within easy reach. Valuables are best stored out of sight and in a secure location.
Do you have important phone numbers stored in your phone?	Y	N	Having your local police station phone number stored in your phone contacts makes it easier to dial, especially in the dark. 000 (triple zero) can also be stored for use in emergencies. It is also useful to store the phone numbers of family and close friends for use by emergency services in the event of an incident.

You should consider making changes if you ticked 'NO' for any of these questions...