

# SA Police Home Security Audit



## Secure your home

Consider a change of habit where you have answered 'N' (No).

### Doors and windows

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 back yard or in another part of the house. Lock if able.

### Garages, gates and outdoors

Garage door shut?	Y	N	Even if you are going out again that day. Lock 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

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

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 handbags in plain sight on a kitchen or hall table can be a big incentive for thieves to enter your property. Put them away.

### Neighbours

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 look at 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.
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### 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 valuable item work well for identification.
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 deterrent to thieves and can help police identify offenders. A clear recording of people's faces is the best ID.
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	Use 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 help by taking in bins, collecting mail, and keeping an eye on your home while your away.