

don't forget inside

When you think of your home's security, cast your mind to the inside as well.

Police encourage the community to:

- Place all items of value somewhere safe and less obvious – thieves will target bedside tables, dressers and cupboards for jewellery.
- Consider storing all your keys and garage door remotes somewhere safe and out of sight when home.



CONSIDER your privacy at the front door – can a visitor easily see you when you answer the door? Solid doors with a privacy viewer (peephole) will give you an opportunity to see who is there before deciding to open the door.

Installing a security screen that has one-way mesh provides an extra level of privacy.

home security starts at home



For more safety tips visit police.sa.gov.au

For further crime prevention assistance, please contact your local SAPOL Crime Prevention Section.

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are you...



covered?

You don't have to go to the extremes of wrapping up your home!

Simply locking doors and windows is a great place to start.



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your home, your responsibility

There are some practical steps home owners can take to help avoid becoming a victim of a house break, but there are also a number of less obvious tips police recommend you consider.



what's your number?

Ensure your street number can be clearly seen from the street – even at night. If you require an emergency service this will help them find you faster.

planning a holiday?

If away for a period of time, cancel regular deliveries and arrange for someone to collect your mail and put out and bring in your rubbish bins on collection day. Tell a trusted neighbour how long you're away so they can keep an eye on your home for you.



street appeal

When looking at your home from the street, how much, or little, can be seen?

There are the obvious steps to take to decrease your chances of becoming a victim, such as:

- Locking doors and windows.
- Locking all gates and sheds.

BUT have you considered the less obvious hazards hiding in your landscaping?

Overgrown trees, large bushes and other plants that may provide your home with shade can double as a hiding place for an offender.

CONSIDER if you are providing tools/implements to allow someone to break into your home. Securely store all tools, ladders and other items that could be used.

AND break down packaging of larger items you have purchased and place in your outside bin. Leaving large boxes in the street is advertising you may have something worth breaking in for.

external security

Keeping all doors and windows locked when leaving the home is a great place to start.

BUT also consider keeping them locked when you are home, even if simply gardening. AND when locking up, remove the key and store in a safe location out of view.

CONSIDER updating security doors to triple-locking and think about installing an alarm.

Sufficient sensor lighting around your home is a great deterrent for would-be thieves targeting your property.

BUT have you considered where the switches are? Could they be easily turned off from the outside?

AND place a lock on your electricity meter so that it cannot be accessed to switch off your power.

Speaking of locks, where do you store your spare keys? A key safe or leaving keys with a trusted friend, family or neighbour may be a better option than under that pot.

