

Home Security



Home security habits

Make security a habit. It costs nothing!

Doors, windows and gates

Lock external doors, gates, garage door and shed. Keep windows closed if you're out, in the yard or in another part of the house.

Pack up

Put away garden tools, ladders and wheelie bins. They can help thieves enter your house.

Bikes and vehicles

Keep bikes out of sight. Secure with a quality lock. Keep cars locked, even in the driveway or garage. Remove valuables, keys or remotes.

Car keys, credit cards and jewellery

Keep them out of sight, not in the hallway or on the kitchen counter.

Manage deliveries

Use parcel lockers or parcel collect to prevent theft of your deliveries or indicating that you are absent from home.

Need help?

Call **Triple Zero (000)** for police, fire, ambulance in an emergency.

Call **131 444** for non-urgent police attendance.

Report crime anonymously at crimestopperssa.com.au or by calling Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000**.

Need more information?

Turn this page over for more on this topic, or see how you can *protect what matters* by scanning the code or visiting www.police.sa.gov.au



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- Lock external doors. This includes the door between your garage and house, which becomes an external door when your garage is open.
- Open doors and windows are a sign to thieves they can enter your home without forcing entry.
- Keep your garage door and gates shut – and locked if possible. If using a padlock, invest in a good quality, cut-resistant lock.
- If you like opening doors and windows for ventilation, fit bars or security screens that comply with current Australian standards.
- Fit good quality, keyed locks on doors and windows.

Pack up

- Pack up garden tools and secure them as these items are easy for thieves to steal.
- Put away wheelie bins and ladders after use. Thieves may use these items to access high windows or to jump over high fences or gates.

Go to our website for the full suite of Home Security fact sheets, including:

Going away?

Using technology

Bikes and vehicles

- Keep your bike and vehicle locked at all times, even in your garage or driveway.
- Always remove valuable items from your vehicle, including keys and remotes, especially when going away.
- Secure bikes with a high quality U or D lock. Also consider extra security options for vehicles. See our Vehicle and Bicycle Security fact sheets.

Car keys, credit cards and jewellery

- Always keep car keys, credit cards and jewellery out of sight.
- Instead of putting keys on the kitchen counter, bedside draw or hall table, consider keeping them in a kitchen drawer or cupboard.
- If thieves get your car keys, then they get your car! See our Vehicle Security Advice fact sheets for more information.

Manage deliveries

- Use parcel lockers or parcel collect to prevent theft of your deliveries or indicating that you are absent from home. They are free, easy and convenient.
- Consider installing a doorbell camera or security camera. These are widely available and reasonably priced.



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