



HOME SECURITY

ARSON PREVENTION

Arson is the act of intending, or being reckless, with fire to destroy or damage property.

Arson can occur against different types of property including vehicles, homes, buildings, and other tangible property. Arson can also occur in grassed and bush areas.

Remembering some simple prevention tips you can consider to minimise the risk of arson in your community:

- Keep your home, sheds and vehicles locked at all times.
- Consider the storage location of any fuel and flammable liquids – if possible store in a locked cabinet located away from the house.
- Keep your yard and premises clear of combustibles such as rubbish and plant material.
- Keep lawns and grasslands surrounding homes and sheds maintained. If necessary contact your local council to manage surrounding areas.
- Plant shrubs and bushes away from houses and sheds.
- Be alert to suspicious activity and record the details. If necessary, report to Police.
- Consider signage with regard to arson prevention and penalties.
- Be on the lookout for other forms of vandalism. If graffiti or damage is not cleared up quickly, it can make the area a target for arson.
- Ensure periodic inspections of your own property and conduct fire risk assessments.
- Install fire extinguishers, fire blankets, smoke alarms and any other fire protective equipment necessary, ensuring these systems are checked regularly.
- Gaps under doors should be narrow to prevent paper or fuel being pushed under them.
- Consider joining your local Neighbourhood Watch program.

If you have any questions please contact your nearest police station or visit www.police.sa.gov.au

