



- Lock your car and remove valuables from view when you leave it unattended, even in your garage.
- Patio bolts are suitable for both French doors and sliding doors.



- All perimeter windows should be fitted with quality key-operated locksets and kept locked when not in use.

Report any crime or suspicious activity around your home or garage.

If you see a crime taking place contact Police Emergency 000, tell the operator what is happening.

For suspicious activity contact your local Police Station, tell the operator what is happening.

SHOULD YOU REQUIRE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS PROBLEM CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER ON 9745 8499.

TO THE HOUSEHOLDER

HELP STOP BREAK-INS



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INTRODUCTION

Police rely greatly on the co-operation of the community to help reduce crime within your local area and to enhance the safety and security of your community.

Leaving doors and windows open or unlocked often makes it easy for the thief to gain access to units, homes and garages and steal property.

With this in mind, Burwood Police is seeking your cooperation and support to reduce this problem within this area.

We would like to encourage you to increase your vigilance and take ownership for improving the physical security of your homes.

We ask that you closely examine your current unit, home and garage security, and follow some simple guidelines, which can reduce these problems.

Your vigilance about your own safety can also help to prevent your neighbours becoming victims of theft.

Remember, security is important all of the time. Protect your property by following these tips and contact police to report any suspicious activity

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- External doors should be of solid construction & fitted with quality deadlock sets.
- Locks should be checked and maintained on a regular basis to ensure they are in good working order. Keys should be removed from locks while you are absent.
- Consider having a peephole (door viewer) installed in the door.

- Security/screen doors can be used to provide additional protection.

- Consider using light timers to turn lights on/off when not at home.

- Consideration should be given to the installation of patio bolts on sliding doors.

- The existing glass may be reinforced internally with a shatter-resistant adhesive film or replacing it with laminated glass.

- Roller, tilt and panel-lift doors can be secured with additional locksets in the form of hasp & staple & padlocks.

- Sensor lighting is a good idea for the perimeter of your home, as it is cost effective, only turning on when detecting motion.



- Try to limit the amount of cash kept at home and do not leave expensive items like jewellery, cameras, laptops etc in plain sight.

- Record descriptions/ model/ serial numbers of property for easy identification.

- Engrave or etch your property with a traceable number, e.g. licence number for identification.

- Take a photograph and record the details of unique items to aid in their recovery if stolen.

- For items that cannot be engraved, it is suggested that you mark them with an ultra-violet pen. This marking is only visible under a ultra-violet (black) light.

- Consider installing a safe for added security for your valuables such as jewellery, cash and documents.

- The safe should be well concealed and never left open or unlocked. Remove the key from the lock and store it in a separate room.

- Pre-program the speed dial function on your phone with the emergency number 000 and your local police station telephone number.

- When entering or leaving the unit block via the security or garage doors make sure they lock behind you. This will stop entry by any person who does not have a key or the security code.

