

KEEPING YOUR HOME SAFE WHEN YOU'RE AWAY

-  Refrain from posting statuses or photos on social media about going away, your whereabouts or recent purchases, gifts or high value items.
-  Make sure your high quality door locks and window locks are in a good working order and are latched before you leave your home.
-  Don't leave your keys outside in a hiding spot for friends or family members. No matter how good you think your hiding spot is, a burglar will likely find them.
-  Have a friend or neighbour collect your mail so your letterbox doesn't pile up and make it obvious that you're not home. Also consider a temporary hold of your mail with Australia Post.
-  Use timers for lights, lamps and other electrical appliances such as a radio or television to give the impression that someone is home.
-  Park your vehicle in the driveway or ask a friend or neighbor to park their vehicle in your driveway to give the impression that someone is home.
-  Eliminate potential hiding spots by pruning back the garden and installing motion sensor lighting to the exterior of your home.
-  Ensure your garage and shed are securely locked which will help restrict access to tools which may be used to gain access to your home.
-  Install a monitored alarm system, security screens and locks or bars on all windows which may also reduce your insurance premium.
-  Advise your insurance broker or insurer if you're going to be away from your home for an extended period of time. Some policies may not cover extended unoccupancy periods.
-  Keep receipts for high value items and take photographs of your belongings to make it easier if you need to make an insurance claim.

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