



LIGHTS, CAMERA, & CATCH <sup>4</sup>EM



Break, enter and stealing incidents can have a serious impact on families and individuals in different ways. People can often feel violated and have difficulty overcoming the experience. By implementing these recommendations and adequately securing your home, you can reduce the likelihood of this crime occurring.

- **LOCK IT** Make sure doors and windows are locked and secured. Do not leave keys in locks. Consider shatterproof glass or protective film. Consider installing metal shutters.
- **ALARM IT** Ensure the alarm is visible from the street, makes a loud noise and is linked to a security monitoring service.
- LIGHT IT Install security sensor lights around the perimeter of the property.
- **RECORD IT** Modern CCTV cameras and recording equipment are a cost effective preventative measure and powerful investigative tool. Display security warning signs around the property to deter offenders.

# A MESSAGE FROM NSW POLICE FORCE

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Pack away garden tools and always keep them in a locked shed or garage so they can't be used to break into your home. Landscaping should be maintained regularly with trees and shrubs trimmed away from doors and windows. This limits concealment and increases natural surveillance of your property.

## Hide your valuables

- Don't leave keys or wallets near the door where they can be seen by offenders.
- · Keep valuables somewhere hard to find.
- Never hide keys outside the house. Have a duplicate set of keys with someone you trust.
- Engrave, use ultraviolet pen or microdots on personal property.

### When you go away

- Ask someone to collect your mail so the mailbox doesn't overflow.
- Keep a light on inside.
- Get someone to water your plants and generally check on your house.
- Let your neighbours know you're going away.

# By following the steps above and staying vigilant you can help to reduce crime.

# If you believe you have been a victim of crime, report it immediately;

- In an emergency, contact **000**
- In person at the Police Station
- Police Assistance Line 131 444
- Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

# **IMPORTANT NUMBERS:**



