

# KEEPING YOUR HOME SAFE

## TIPS TO ENSURE YOUR HOME IS SECURE



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supporting victims of crime

### Lock Up

You would be surprised how many people suffer an unlawful entry as a result of leaving doors unlocked. Make it a habit to go around the house every night before going to bed. Ensure that doors, gates, security screens and windows are securely locked.

### Install Deadlocks

Where possible fit deadlocks. They are much more secure than a standard door lock. Contact Victims of Crime NT to enquire about financial assistance to fit deadlocks.

### Keep Your Keys Safe

Avoid leaving keys outside of your premises. Someone looking to break into your home knows all the best hiding places.

### Lock Windows

If your windows open then remember to lock them when you do your security round before sleeping or leaving the house. If they slide then inserting a sturdy piece of dowel in the tracks will greatly improve their level of security.

### Keep Your Yard Clean and Tidy

Do not leave large objects around that could be used as cover. Trees and shrubs provide both access to your house and cover for potential burglars. Trim or remove plants that may be used for access or compromise visibility.

Put your garden tools away and make sure you lock the garden shed. Garden tools and ladders provide the tools for easy entry to your home.

### Display your House Number

In case of an emergency make sure your house number is clearly visible.

### Make it Appear you are Home

If you are away from your home for an extended period of time, have a friend or neighbour keep an eye on your property and arrange for someone to clear your letter box, mow your lawns and take your bin out.

If you are going out leave the radio or television on, or leave a light on. It gives the impression that someone is home.

### Out of Sight, Out of Mind

Always keep cash and valuables out of sight.

### Install an Alarm or Sensor Lights

If it is within your means, consider installing an alarm system that covers your doors and windows and/or movement activated security lights at the front and back of your home.