

Practical Tips For Securing Your Home

Everyone wants to know that their family and property are safe. Fortunately, securing your home need not be a complicated or expensive process. There are many simple and practical ways to make your property more secure.

- Ensure you have a clear line of sight to your yard and the street and install an automatic light timer or sensor activated lights. This gives intruders nowhere to hide when entering your property.
- If you are leaving the house at night leave a light on inside and out.
- Don't leave a key underneath the doormat or in an easily accessible place.
- Don't leave ladders or wheelie bins outside for extended periods as they can be used to gain entry to your home. Place them in a garage or shed if possible. Don't forget to also lock away any tools that may help an intruder enter your home.
- Ensure your external doors are of solid core construction and fit doors with a deadlock or deadbolt but leave the key in the door to allow for emergency escape
- Install a quality security door which meets Australian standards. If you do not have a security door, install a peephole.
- Fit windows with key operated locks or security grills. Get your locks keyed alike so that one key opens all doors or windows
- Monitored alarm systems are recognized as being a major deterrent for intruders. You may wish to consider detection sensors in the home, a control panel, keypad, video intercom and a warning device. Ensure your alarm system is monitored by an ASIAL Certified Monitoring Centre
- For smaller items of property, have them engraved or marked for personal identification so they are harder for thieves to sell
- Keep your garage, garden shed and your power box locked with quality keyed locks at all times. (Consult your power company on the most appropriate way to secure your power box)

Remember, when it comes to protecting your family and property, don't take any chances.

Always used a licensed security professional.

