



# What is National Secure Your Home Day?

**National Secure Your Home Day** is a Neighbourhood Watch Australasia initiative, aimed at improving home security for all Australians!

Your home is the one place that should always feel secure for you and your loved ones.

By dedicating one day per year to home security, householders can reduce the risk of crime by conducting a **'home health check'**. This will assess how secure your property is, and identify where security can be improved.



## Why get involved?

In 2021-2022 the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) reported an increase average trend in national break-ins for the first time in over a decade.

- 2% of Australian households experienced a break-in over the last 12 months
- Property was stolen in two-thirds of break-ins
- Additional 2% of Australian households experienced an attempted break-in

Common evidence of an attempted break-in includes a door or window being damaged or tampered with (45%) and/or someone being seen or heard trying to break-in (27%).

**There has also been an increase of break-ins associated with motor vehicle theft, where car keys are stolen from homes.**

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## Do you know your neighbours?

Your neighbours can help secure your property by keeping an eye on your home when you are out or away on holidays.

Neighbours are also your closest source of help in the case of an emergency. Studies show that crime is lower in neighbourhoods where residents know their neighbours and help each other out; for example, by collecting the mail or taking in the bins when they are away.

**National Secure Your Home Day** is an opportunity for everyone in the community to secure their home and strengthen their community. Take a few minutes to introduce yourself and get to know your neighbours.

## Simple ways to make your home more secure:

- Locks on all entry points to your home (windows and doors)
- Move items that could be used to assist with access to windows or upper levels, such as ladders or wheelie bins
- Have a locked gate or fence
- Install motion sensor lighting and security cameras
- Use security screens on windows and doors
- Make sure no valuables can be easily seen from outside your home, such as computers, wallets, handbags, cash, jewellery or keys



Register now to participate in **National Secure Your Home Day**, and receive tips on how to improve home security, useful resources, activities for kids, plus more!

Scan the QR code to find out more



**National Secure Your Home Day** is part of the Safer Australia For Everyone (SAFE) Target Hardening for Australian Communities Project, a joint initiative between Neighbourhood Watch Australasia and the University of Queensland.



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