



NATIONAL SECURE YOUR HOME DAY

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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 a place that should always feel safe for you and your loved ones.

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

Why get involved?

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) reported that 2.1% of households nationwide experienced a break-in in 2024, up from 1.8% the previous year - an increase of approximately 32,400 more homes affected.

After completing the National Secure Your Home Day Checklist, **87% of participants** discovered practical ways to boost their home security.

Importantly, **63% reported feeling safer** after completing the Home Security Checklist, proving that simple steps can make a real difference.

7 Easy & Affordable Home Security Tips

1. Remember to always lock your doors and windows when you're at home or leaving the house.
2. Keep curtains closed at night – don't advertise your belongings to potential thieves.
3. Close and lock your garage door, gates and garden shed.
4. Secure sliding windows and doors with a metal pin or piece of wooden dowel.
5. Move items that could be used to access windows or upper levels, such as ladders or wheelie bins.
6. Maintain your front yard. Trim bushes near windows and doors to eliminate hiding spots.
7. Get to know your neighbours!



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Do you know your neighbours?

Getting to know your neighbours is a simple, effective and rewarding way to strengthen your home's security.

When you build connections with the people around you, you're not just forming friendships, you're creating a safety net for your family and your property.

Your neighbours are your closest source of help in case of an emergency. Studies show that crime is lower in neighbourhoods where residents know one another and help each other out — whether it's collecting the mail, taking in bins, or keeping an eye on things when someone's away.

National Secure Your Home Day is an opportunity for everyone in the community to secure their home and strengthen their community safety.

Because safety starts with community - and community starts with "hello!"



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Is your home Cyber Secure?

A secure home means more than just locks on doors. You also need strong cyber security to protect your network, devices and personal information.

Here are **5 Key Areas** to focus on:

1. Family and Household Awareness

Make sure everyone in your home understands basic online safety. Talk about scams, safe internet browsing and what to avoid online.

2. Secure Your Wi-Fi

Set a strong password and change your router name to something not personally identifiable.

3. Use Strong Passwords

Use different, hard-to-guess passwords for each account. **Enable multi-factor authentication (MFA)** where possible.

4. Protect Smart Devices

Update your smart devices and ensure unnecessary features are turned off.

5. Practice Safe Browsing

Be cautious of suspicious links and pop-ups. Avoid sharing personal information on unsecured websites.

Register for National Secure Your Home Day for more information and to receive our full **Cyber Security Home Checklist**.

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



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