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Tips on how you can take action to protect yourself and your property

HOME

- Lock doors and windows even when you're at home.
- Put a lock on your side/back gate and letterbox.
- Install sensor lights that turn on with movement.
- Install a peephole in your door and a light outside so you can see who is there without opening the door.
- Get to know your neighbours and who lives nearby; look out for each other.

VEHICLE

- Always lock your car.
- Do not leave items of value in your car.
- Secure your number plate with tamper proof screws.

PERSONAL

- Be aware of who is around you.
- Stay secure outdoors by walking in crowded, well-lit areas.
- Carry a personal alarm when out at night and practise using it.

CHILDREN

- Encourage them to walk in groups and never alone.
- Know where they are at all times. Where possible pick them up and drop them off.
- Use parent controls on electronic devices.
- Talk with them about what's going on in their lives.
- Teach them not to share personal information or images online with people they don't know.
- Practise role playing stranger danger scenarios with them regularly.
- Visit child safety sites such as ConstableKenny.org.au or ThinkUKnow.org.au for more information.

ONLINE

- Change your passwords regularly and don't share them.
- Always look for a padlock symbol next to the web address to ensure you are on a secure site.
- Don't be a victim of a scam or spam emails.
- Don't open emails that you're not sure of.
- Be aware of how much personal information you reveal.

BICYCLE

- Lock it before you leave it in a public place.
- Record your bikes details and take a photo of it.
- Secure it in a locked garage when not in use.

PROPERTY

- Identify all items of value by marking them with your licence number and take photos.
- Keep an inventory of all items of value, inside and outside of the house.

BUSINESS

- Install security cameras, locks and a distress alarm.
- Install electronic beepers that sound when people enter and exit the business.
- Be aware of fraud or theft from employees, suppliers and customers.
- Train staff on emergency procedures and legal requirements e.g. bag searching, refusing entry, power of arrest etc.
- Register your business with ACT Policing's ACT Keyholder Register.

CONTACTS

Triple Zero (000) for emergency; police, fire or ambulance.
Police Assistance Line (131 444) to report non urgent crime and for police attendance.
Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000) to report crime information.
National Security Hotline (1800 123 400) to report signs of terrorism.
Safehome Program (1300 656 200) home security assessments for vulnerable households.
ACT Neighbourhood Watch nhwact.com.au

More safety tips at police.act.gov.au

