

# o SAFETY AND SECURITY TIPS

## An initiative of ACT Neighbourhood Watch and ACT Policing 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](http://ConstableKenny.org.au) or [ThinkUKnow.org.au](http://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](http://nhwact.com.au)**

More safety tips at **[police.act.gov.au](http://police.act.gov.au)**

