

THERE HAS RECENTLY BEEN A BURGLARY IN YOUR AREA AND IT'S POSSIBLE THEY WILL STRIKE AGAIN.

This brochure provides advice on reporting suspicious behaviour to the police and what details to take note of. You know what is and isn't suspicious in your neighbourhood. If you see something odd – report it.

WA Police have been working with local government and volunteers to cut the number of burglaries across the state and, with the community's help, even more burglars will be arrested.

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[HTTP://COMMUNITYSAFETY.POLICE.WA.GOV.AU](http://communitysafety.police.wa.gov.au)
[WWW.CRIMEPREVENTION.WA.GOV.AU](http://www.crimeprevention.wa.gov.au)
[WWW.GOODBYEGRAFFITI.WA.GOV.AU](http://www.goodbyegraffiti.wa.gov.au)
[WWW.NHW.WA.GOV.AU](http://www.nhw.wa.gov.au) (NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH)

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

Police assistance	131 444
Emergency	000
Emergency- mobile phone	112
Emergency- hearing impaired	106
Crimestoppers	1800 333 000
Goodbye Graffiti Hotline	1800 442 255
Community Engagement Division	(08) 9222 1300



**BURGLARY
COCOONING
ADVICE**

BURGLAR ALERT

BURGLARS HAVE BEEN AT WORK IN YOUR AREA.
READ ON TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN PROTECT
YOUR HOME AND ASSIST POLICE.



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Community Engagement Division
Level 3, 2 Adelaide Terrace East Perth WA 6004
Email: community.engagement.division@police.wa.gov.au

**Neighbourhood
Watch**

Police 131 444
Save 000 for emergencies



YOU CAN HELP

If you suspect that someone in your area has committed a crime or you've seen something suspicious, call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

SAFETY CHECK LIST

Use the following guide to conduct your own home security audit. The more 'yes' boxes you can tick, the harder you make it for burglars.

WHAT TO REPORT TO POLICE

- ▶ The day, date and time of any suspicious activity
- ▶ Vehicles
 - registration number
 - type, make and model
 - colour, features
 - damage
- ▶ Suspicious people
 - gender
 - age
 - what they look like (hair colour, facial features, etc)
 - clothing
 - features (eg tattoos)
 - if/what they were carrying (ie: property)

WHAT TO DO....

If you suspect someone's inside your house, don't go inside, go to your neighbour's house and call the police.

If you see an intruder leaving your home, make a note of their physical appearance, what sort of vehicle they're driving, including the number plate. Those details will be important when you report the burglary to police on 131 444.

If the burglar has gone, don't touch anything. Police may be able to gather evidence including any DNA or fingerprint samples. New police technology is catching more criminals, faster.

Report stolen credit cards and cheques to your bank as soon as possible.

Check with your neighbours to see if they noticed anything suspicious.

Contact your insurance company which will ask for your police incident report number. An assessor may want to visit and will want full details of what's been taken.

Ruin a burglar's day – secure your home and improve the safety of your local neighbourhood by:

- ▶ Keeping your home locked if you are at home or out. Over 30% of burglaries in WA occur through unlocked doors or windows
- ▶ Engraving/marking your driver's licence number onto your property for easy identification
- ▶ Recording serial numbers of items such as TVs, ipods, stereos and mobile phones
- ▶ Trimming or clearing trees or shrubs which may prevent a clear view to your house
- ▶ Installing quality security lighting and burglar alarms
- ▶ Having quality deadlocks on all your external doors and using key locks on your windows
- ▶ Installing security screens so you can have your windows open without inviting burglars in
- ▶ Joining Neighbourhood Watch through the website www.nhw.wa.gov.au



Is your house number clearly visible from the street?	Y	N
Are your trees and shrubs trimmed so it's hard for burglars to hide behind?	Y	N
Do you have solid core doors?	Y	N
Do you have locks and deadbolts or deadlocks fitted?	Y	N
Do you have security screens on doors and windows?	Y	N
Does your door have a peephole?	Y	N
Do your windows have key-locks or security devices?	Y	N
Does your house have an automatic light timer or sensor lights?	Y	N
Do you leave lights on when you go out at night?	Y	N
Are the entrances to your home well lit?	Y	N
Is your home fitted with an alarm?	Y	N
Is the garage or shed kept locked?	Y	N
Are your tools and ladders stored away?	Y	N
Is the meter box locked?	Y	N
Are your contents and valuables engraved or marked for easy identification?	Y	N
Have you recorded the serial numbers?	Y	N
Do you have window stickers letting burglars know you have an alarm and your property is marked?	Y	N
Is there a phone or mobile in the bedroom with emergency numbers handy?	Y	N
Do you have a dog?	Y	N
Have you joined Neighbourhood Watch?	Y	N

Advice and information on security products and installation from licensed security operators is encouraged.