

Security Tips

If you're looking at this website, then chances are you're concerned about security. Having Pacific Security Technology monitor your property is the best solution, but there's a lot you can do to make sure it's as secure as it can be.

Think like a thief

Keeping the doors locked is the most obvious, but think: Is the basement door locked? Are there any windows which are almost as easy for someone to climb through as walking through a door?

Lock yourself out

An interesting exercise is to stand outside your place and imagine you're locked out. How hard would it be to get back inside? Maybe that shed has a handy tool to break open the back door – because unfortunately that's how burglars think.

Keep it in a safe place

You should also have a good look at what's not secured. Those bikes in the garage? The lawnmower under the house? Easy pickings for a casual thief.

Tidy and Busy

Premises that look empty are prime targets for intruders, so make sure your place looks busy, even when it's not. If you're on holiday someone should collect your mail so that mail doesn't spill over (a sure sign), and maybe your neighbour could mow your lawns (The downside: You'll probably have to do his!). If everyone's out for the night, keep a light on in the living room behind drawn curtains.

Keep an eye out

Just keeping an open eye for suspicious characters is a good way for you and your neighbours to watch out for each other. Genuine tradespeople always have some sort of identification, and usually have sign-written vehicles; so if you see someone who doesn't look like they know what they're looking for, or if they're looking around a lot then they may be up to no good.

Well-lit areas are safer

Floodlights that switch on when they detect motion are great – they tend to make intruders run away, plus they're handy for guests. Outdoor lighting tends to enhance a home anyway, but lit driveways offer less places to hide.

Precautions you should take

It's no surprise that a high proportion of burglaries occur during the day, when most people are at work. Of course, having a well maintained security system is the best assurance against an intruder, but there are other measure that you can take to keep your property safe. These include:

- Ensuring all windows and doors are locked
- Keeping valuables out of view of intruders who could potentially scope your home from the window

- Asking your neighbour to call you if they see any suspicious activity around your home
- Installing a web cam that allows you to survey your home while you are at work