

# How secure is your home?

Give your home a spring clean and security audit.



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Crime Prevention Partners



# Spring Clean for Home Security Checklist

| Spring Cleaning                                                                                                                                                   | Home Security                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| EXTERIOR                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prevent slippery surfaces by pressure-washing outdoor paths to remove grime and moss.                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure main entry points are well lit for improved visibility at night.                                                                                                                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> When trimming overgrown branches, be mindful of powerlines and take care when using ladders or power tools.                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Are your trees and shrubs trimmed? Avoid large or overgrown plants concealing doors and windows to maintain good street visibility.                                                                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clear debris from gutters and drains to help prevent flooding, storm damage, and fire risks.                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure outdoor cameras are working and cover key entry points to help protect your home and deter unwanted access.                                                                                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean your front entrance to your home including your mailbox and front gate/entrance.                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Are your front and side gates locked? Gates are your first line of defence, so keep them in good repair and locked to prevent unwanted access.                                                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Give your front entryway a good clean and check your mailbox pathways are in good order.                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you leave some old shoes or low value items on display when you go away? Leaving items near the front door can indicate someone's home or make it look like you could be back at any moment.                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean up any garden shed or storage areas including, garages, patios, carports or under house storage.                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Is your shed locked? Secure any tools, ladders or items that could be used to help an intruder enter your home.                                                                                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dust and clean outdoor light fittings, checking lightbulbs and any timers that exist.                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Check sensor lighting in 'high risk' areas. Sensor lights can deter intruders entering your home.                                                                                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sand back and re-oil any wooden furniture or decks to give them a face lift.                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Use timers for lights and devices while you're away to create the impression someone is home and make your home a less attractive target.                                                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean exterior windows. Tip - wash them on a cloudy day to ensure that the sun won't dry the cleanser before you're done wiping.         | <input type="checkbox"/> Is your house number clearly visible from the street? This helps people report suspicious activity.                                                                                                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Freshen up your bins. Remove odours and grime with a disinfectant clean, or tackle built-up dirt with hot water, soap, and a good scrub. | <input type="checkbox"/> Are your wheelie bins securely stored? Keep bins away from side gates, windows and balconies, so criminals can't use these to gain access to higher access points.                                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Refresh your garden beds. Replace old mulch, remove weeds and debris, and check for signs of pests to keep your garden looking its best. | <input type="checkbox"/> Check your spare key is in a safe space – don't hide these under door mats or fake rocks, in the letterbox or on window ledges/door frames. Use a secure lockbox or leave a spare key with a trusted neighbour. |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Test your smoke alarms and replace batteries if needed. Interconnected smoke alarms provide house-wide protection.                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Consider joining your local Neighbourhood Watch group. It's a great way to connect with neighbours and gain advice for keeping your community safe.                                                                                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sort old paperwork and documents that have accumulated over time and dispose of anything you no longer need. Common areas for clutter include home offices, entryways, and kitchen drawers. | <input type="checkbox"/> Are your documents containing personal details secure or destroyed before being placed in your wheelie bin? This helps protect you from identity theft.                                                                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean door and window tracks so they open, close and lock smoothly. Give curtains and blinds a good clean too to avoid mould and grime build up.                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure frequently used doors and windows are secure. Lock-up when at home and when heading out. Installing strong security screens, like Crimsafe, provides added protection while still allowing fresh air and ventilation throughout the home. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Identify areas that tend to attract clutter and consider installing hooks or storage baskets to organise everyday items such as toys, bags, and sports equipment.                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid leaving valuables on show, especially near the front of your home and in your yard. Keep handbags, laptops and similar items securely stored, and lock away bikes and garden tools in the garage or shed.                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean security screens regularly using products recommended by the manufacturer to maintain their appearance and maximise their lifespan.                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have multiple keys for your security doors and windows? Having a master key will help with safety and convenience.                                                                                                                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donate old appliances, linen, clothing, sporting equipment and toys to charity.                                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Create a valuables register by recording the make, model, serial number and description of each item. This can assist police in recovering stolen property and help support any insurance claims.                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean air conditioner filters regularly to prevent moisture and potential mould buildup, improve energy efficiency, and reduce running costs.                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Consider purchasing timers or smart automated lights. They allow you to turn on internal lights and devices when you're away, to give the impression you're home.                                                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean window and door frames to remove dust and grime.                                                                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Is your entryway visible from the inside? Adding a peephole to your front door helps you see who is outside before you open it.                                                                                                                  |



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean doorknobs, locks, remotes and light switches regularly to remove germs and grime.                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Do your locks and screws have finger guards? This will help prevent them from being tampered with.                                                                                                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean your oven to improve performance. Removing the oven door can make the job easier on many models.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Display visible deterrents, such as a Neighbourhood Watch sticker on your letterbox or a warning sign on your window or fence (e.g. Security cameras in use or Beware of dog), to help discourage would-be intruders. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dust the tops of kitchen cabinets to remove dust and help discourage pests.                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure kitchen windows have good locks or security screens, especially if located on the ground floor.                                                                                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declutter your bookshelf by donating books you no longer need.                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Secure your mailbox or use a free parcel locker to help reduce the risk of theft.                                                                                                                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean shower fittings and fan vents, which can quickly build up dust and grime.                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Bathroom windows can be overlooked when installing security products. Secure bathroom windows with locks or strong security screens, like Crimsafe, to help prevent entry.                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Touch up any marks or dents on your walls.                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Consider updating to solid core doors to make your home more secure and harder to break into.                                                                                                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Run a self-clean cycle on your washing machine and clear the lint tray and vent of your dryer regularly. | <input type="checkbox"/> Is your laundry secure? Keep your laundry door and windows locked even when at home.                                                                                                                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean ceiling fans regularly.                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Consider installing internal security systems, such as cameras or sensors, to help deter unwanted access and alert you to anything suspicious.                                                                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dispose of expired medications and restock essential first aid items.                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have a security action plan when going away on holiday? Arrange for a family member, friend or trusted neighbour to check in on your home, collect your mail and put your bins out/in.                         |

Crimsafe and Neighbourhood Watch Australasia are proud to be Crime Prevention Partners, working to strengthen community safety with initiatives like Neighbourhood Watch Month and Secure September.

Take our free quiz for more tips and to see how protected your home is against unwanted intruders.  
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