How to protect your home from opportunistic property crime

Close your curtains when you're not home - why risk tempting an opportunistic thief?

Always lock your vehicle and ensure valuable items are not left within view of others.

BUSINESS SECURITY

Business owners and employees can play an important role in preventing and reducing the risk of crime occurring in the work place. Consider these simple crime prevention tips:

- Check your lighting - Ensure laneways, car parks and other external areas are well lit.
- Don't make it easy to hide around your business - prune all trees and shrubs.
- Ensure safes are securely fixed to a floor, wall or similar solid object.
- Make sure all staff adhere to lock-up procedures.
- Secure the property - All boundary gates and fences should be well maintained, secured and cleared of any potential climbing aides.
- Retrieve keys and access cards from ex-employees.
- Install bollards, heavy planters or large rocks to act as a barrier to ram raids.
- Secure external doors and windows with quality, regularly maintained locks and padlocks.
- Install a monitored alarm system, mirrors, CCTV or perpetrator marking technology (which can greatly assist police identifying offenders) and prominently display signs indicating the presence of any security measures on the premises.
- Keep a clear view - Advertising material, posters and curtains should be kept at a minimum to provide a clear view of the premises from both within and outside.
- Never leave large amounts of cash on premises overnight.

If you see any suspicious activity in your local community, report it to Police on 131 444 or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. For further information contact your local police station or visit www.pfes.nt.gov.au/police.