

CRIME PREVENTION SENIORS - HOME SAFETY

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YOUR SAFETY AT HOME

- Be cautious about revealing that you're home alone to anyone other than family, friends, or trusted neighbours. When interacting with delivery or service personnel, imply that someone else is with you by mentioning a need to consult a partner, friend, or relative.
- Ensure your house number is visible from the street to help emergency services find your home quickly.
- Close curtains and doors at night and maintain a clear view from your windows. Prune any plants that obstruct visibility and could provide cover for intruders.
- Avoid leaving a spare key outside. Instead, entrust it to a reliable friend, family member, or neighbour.
- Keep security screen doors locked even when the main doors are open.
- Store handbags and wallets out of sight to deter theft.
- Trust your instincts. If something feels unsafe or uncomfortable, be alert and take necessary precautions.



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HOW TO DEAL SAFELY WITH VISITORS

- Only open the door to known and trusted individuals. It's your right to decide who enters your home.
- Communicate with unfamiliar visitors through a locked security screen. If you don't have one, check with your local council for senior discounts or rebate programs.
- If someone claims they need to make an emergency phone call, ask them to write the number down and pass it under the door. Then, make the call yourself.
- Always ask for identification from utility or company representatives. Examine the ID carefully, and if in doubt, do not let them in. You can also call their company to verify their identity.
- Store contact numbers of regular visiting organisations, like Silver Chain and Meals on Wheels, in an easily accessible place. Use these to verify the identity of new visitors.
- Keep your door locked at all times, even when expecting a visitor, to prevent unauthorised entry.



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PHONE SAFETY TIPS

Keep a charged mobile phone with you for safety and convenience. If using a landline, consider having a second phone. Store all emergency and important contact numbers in your phone.

Dealing with Unwelcome Callers

- If the nuisance caller is known to you, address the issue directly.
- If you live alone and don't know the caller, give the impression that you're not alone. Avoid giving personal information to unknown callers.
- Hang up on unwelcome callers; this often discourages them.
- Inform your phone company about the callers.

If Unwelcome Calls Persist:

- Block the phone numbers of unwelcome callers.
- Use a home message service or an answering machine to screen calls. Modern phones often include caller ID, allowing you to see who is calling before you answer.
- Register your phone numbers with the **Do Not Call Register** at www.donotcall.gov.au or by calling 1300 792 958 to reduce telemarketing calls.

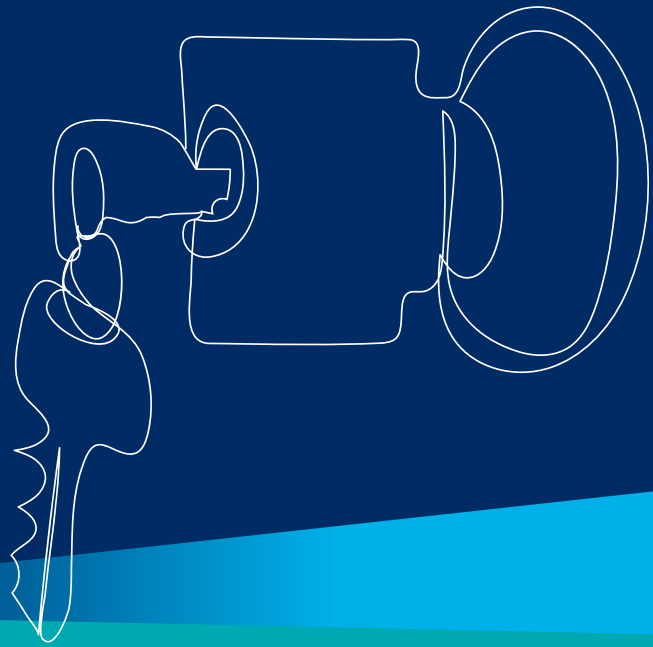


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SECURITY DEVICE TIPS

- Install deadlocks on all external doors and key locks on all windows.
- Fit quality security screens on doors and windows.
- Use automatic sensor lights as a deterrent and for convenience when coming home after dark.
- Consider installing an alarm system through a licensed company, as well as CCTV and recording devices.
- Carry a personal alarm for added safety.
- If you have deadlocks, keep the key accessible near the lock, especially in case of emergencies like a fire. Take the key with you when you go outside.
- Lock external doors when gardening and keep the key with you on a lanyard.
- Secure your shed with a strong lock to protect valuable items.



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ELDER ABUSE TIPS

- Everyone deserves to feel safe at home, manage their finances, and make their own decisions.
- Elder abuse can happen in trusted relationships, with family or friends, and can include financial, psychological, social, physical, sexual abuse, or neglect.
- If you or someone you know is experiencing elder abuse, you can contact the police or reach out confidentially to the **Elder Abuse Helpline** at **1300 724 679** or **1800 655 566** for country callers.



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SCAM SAFETY TIPS

- Stay informed, vigilant, and sceptical of unsolicited offers or requests. People who scam can be of any gender, age, or appearance, and may work alone or in pairs.
- Ignore unsolicited emails or letters.
- Verify the caller's identity and never provide personal information or financial details over the phone.
- Avoid clicking on links or downloading attachments from suspicious emails.
- Be cautious when forming online relationships.
- Do not pay upfront for home repairs.
- Protect personal information by shredding documents with sensitive information and monitoring bank and credit card statements regularly.
- Do not grant remote access to your computer or provide payment information to unsolicited tech support calls. Verify the legitimacy of the support request through official channels.
- If you have been a victim of a scam or to learn more about current scams visit cyber.gov.au or call **Consumer Protection Line** at **1300 30 40 54**.



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