City of **Melville**

Home Safety Checklist

You can reduce the chance of being burgled by applying Designing Out Crime (DOC) principles to your property. DOC is a proven crime prevention approach - the idea is to design or modify environments in ways that reduce or prevent crime.

Surveillance
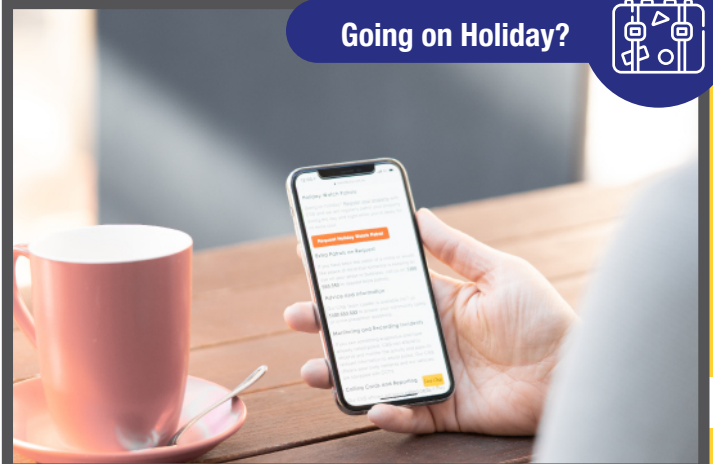
Access Control

Territorial Reinforcement

Management and Maintenance

Target Hardening (security)

Going on Holiday?

Use our checklist to see how secure your home is.
Each tick increases your home's security!

Surveillance

- [ ] Are bushes and trees surrounding your home regularly trimmed so there are clear views?
- [ ] If you have a fence at the front of your home, does it allow clear views?
- [ ] Do you have external security sensor lights?

Access Control

- [ ] Are gates and doors locked at all times when not in use?
- [ ] Are security measures on your gates sufficient enough to prevent forced entry?
- [ ] Are your tools and ladders locked away?
- [ ] Are your bins stored away from your fence so they cannot be used as a climbing aid?
- [ ] Have you locked your meter box?

Territorial Reinforcement

- [ ] Does your property have a clearly defined boundary? E.g. fences, changes in elevation, flooring or landscaping?
- [ ] Is your street number clearly visible?
- [ ] Do you have any Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) signage displayed? If not, visit **www.nhw.wa.gov.au/Resources** to download printable NHW signage.
- [ ] Do you have any signage displayed indicating you have an alarm?

Target Hardening (Security Measures)

- [ ] Are all of your valuable items hidden?
- [ ] Have you disposed of the packaging of expensive items e.g. televisions and laptops?
- [ ] Have you marked and registered valuable property using a UV pen?
- [ ] Do you have an inventory list with images of items that cannot be marked? If not, visit **www.nhw.wa.gov.au/Resources** to download and print a Homeowner's Property Register template.
- [ ] Do you have adequate locks on all your doors and windows, including garage and shed doors?
- [ ] Do you have security screens on doors and windows?
- [ ] Do you have a security alarm?
- [ ] Do you have a dog?

Management and Maintenance

- [ ] Are trees and shrubs surrounding your property managed and maintained?
- [ ] Do you report all graffiti to the City of Melville for prompt removal? If not, visit **www.melvillecity.com.au/graffiti** to find out how to report graffiti for removal.
- [ ] Are all lights surrounding your property in good working order?
- [ ] Is your yard kept litter free and neat at all times?

Going on Holiday?

Consider taking additional steps to increase the safety of your home while you're away.

- [ ] Have you registered for the Community Safety Service (CSS) Holiday Watch Patrol? If not, register at **www.melvillecity.com.au/CSS**
- [ ] Have you provided your neighbours with dates and emergency contact details?
- [ ] Have you turned down the ringing volume on your landline phone?
- [ ] Have you given your spare keys to a trusted family member, neighbour or friend, instead of hiding them outside?
- [ ] Have you asked a neighbour to collect your mail each day and bring your bins out on your regular bin night?
- [ ] Are you conscious of your social media presence, and do you keep detailed holiday plans (including dates) offline?

Important Contact Information

Emergency – 000 for life threatening situations

Police assistance – 131 444 when police attendance is required

Crime Stoppers WA – 1800 333 000 or **www.crimestopperswa.com.au** to anonymously report suspicious behaviour and crime

Community Safety Service (CSS): 1300 653 643 for CSS attendance to observe and report suspicious behaviour to police.