



WATERSIDE RESIDENTS 2018/19 AGM PRESENTATION

Opportunity – one of the biggest attractions for burglars!

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If you are home during the day thieves will knock on your front door first during daylight hours to make sure no one is home, then force entry.

At night thieves will sneak around looking for unlocked doors and windows so they don't make any noise, but as seniors you are more security conscious and are less likely to be broken into at night.

Most crime is opportunistic, so you must limit the opportunities that contribute to making you a victim of crime. Locking doors, windows, garages, vehicles, leaving no visible valuables in vehicles (BIGGEST ATTRACTION) and removing garage door remotes from vehicles left in the driveway, are all actions that will reduce your risk of being targeted by thieves.

Other steps that will reduce the risk of your home being targeted are:

- Having an alarm system, CCTV, and/or a dog.
- Keeping vegetation pruned back so the front of your home is visible from the street.
- Good sensor lighting that activates when someone approaches your home at night.
- Install window locks, security screens and gates with a lock.
- Most effective of all these precautions is an alarm as it reduces the time the thief will be in your home to steal large amounts of property and cause excessive damage.
- Make sure you let people know that someone is home when they knock, otherwise the thief will think no one is at home and proceed to break in!
- Install a peep hole in your front door.
- Get to know your neighbours and exchange phone numbers. This is basic Neighbourhood Watch.
- Lock doors and windows when gardening or spending time in one part of the house.

A good habit to get into at night time is to do a final check of your home - ensure that rear doors are locked, windows are shut, front door and garage doors are locked, gates are closed, and take your car remote with you to ensure that it is secure as these can be operated from quite some distance. This limits the opportunity and likelihood of anyone even considering your property as a potential target for crime.

IN SUMMARY:

NEVER assume that because you are at home or have multiple vehicles outside and many people inside that you will not be a victim. Crime is opportunistic, random, quick and criminals have little regard for their own safety let alone yours!

Protecting your home, family and assets starts and ends with YOU.

Security patrols are a physical deterrent and a back-up for only a few of the precautions you have missed. Our patrols help to monitor changes in an area during the night, and alert us to suspicious persons in the area. This helps secure issues as they arise and makes offence reporting to police quicker, with a better likelihood of thieves in these areas being caught.

Always remember, we are here to help. If you think you see anyone suspicious around that is not normally from your street/area, or on your property, call us and we will attend as quick as possible. Our contact number is 0430 339 500.

Reasonable force: is enough force to overcome the force being used on you. Most thieves want to steal your property but not to hurt you. When people do get hurt is when they are trying to stop the thief, and the thief uses force to overpower them to get away. Victims are often seriously injured when they are overpowered, and the victim's weapon is used on them.

Feel free to ask any questions and I will answer them as best I can on **0430 339 500**.