

# Safer Together Cairns

## A spotlight on home security for tenants in rental properties

**House burglary is one of the most common offences and can occur during the day or night. This checklist is designed as a practical tool to review your rental home security and identify potential security risks.**

It is important to remember that security changes may require some modification to your everyday behaviours. Locking doors and windows as part of your daily routine and being conscious of where you place your personal valuables such as keys, jewellery and mobile devices, are all positive security habits.

- ✓ I know my neighbour. Together, we look after one another.
- ✓ I have created an emergency safety plan.
- ✓ I know I can talk to my property manager if I have any security concerns.
- ✓ My entryways and exterior walls are well-lit.
- ✓ I avoid lending my key or fob to anyone who is not on my lease.
- ✓ I keep my trees, shrubs and hedges well-trimmed.
- ✓ I ensure any sensor lights are turned on.
- ✓ My valuable items are out of sight from outside.
- ✓ My doors, windows or security screens are locked, even when I am home.
- ✓ I avoid leaving belongings in my vehicle or garage area.
- ✓ I keep a light, television or radio left on when I am not home.
- ✓ I keep ladders or other potential climbing tools locked away.
- ✓ I ensure any alarm or camera systems are turned on when I am not home.
- ✓ I know I can report suspicious activity to Policelink on **131 444** or at **[www.police.qld.gov.au/policelink-reporting](http://www.police.qld.gov.au/policelink-reporting)**



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Disclaimer: This checklist has been designed to help you take a fresh look at your home security. Where a specific risk to your security is identified, you are encouraged to consult industry specialists to discuss treatment options.

