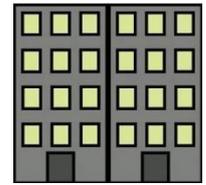




Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for **APARTMENTS**



1. Only 'buzz in' those people you know, even if they seem trustworthy. Ensure the door shuts behind you.
2. Be aware of wi-fi security, and items such as baby monitors. Password protect your wi-fi, router, computer, laptops, mobiles, everything!
3. Secure your storage cage with a good padlock. Triple hinge the cage, with triple locking points. Have a qualified trades person inspect it and advise how best to improve the security.
4. Clear your mailbox daily. If you are away, ask a neighbour to assist. Or put a hold on your mail at the Post Office.
5. Know when important documents/statements are arriving in the post and report immediately if they don't arrive. Arrange for your next credit card to be collected at the branch.
6. Don't give out spare sets of keys. Never give out copies of your building or apartment keys to tradespeople or friends.
7. Consider re-locating expensive items from your storage cage to inside your apartment. eg high-end bikes, surfboards, expensive accessories, alcohol.
8. Ask your Body Corporate to request a Security Audit of all the building (including storage cages) from your Crime Prevention Officer at **Hornsby Police Station: 9476 9799**.
9. Reduce the chances of 'tailgating' by waiting until the doors/gates to your carpark close completely after you, before moving further within.
10. Know your neighbours - who should be there, who should not? If in doubt, double-check with others in the building. Challenge those you are suspicious of, or contact **Hornsby Police Station: 9476 9799**.

FOR EMERGENCIES (Including anyone on your property)	000
TO REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS (Crime Stoppers)	1800 333 000
TO REPORT NON-EMERGENCY CRIME (Police Assistance Line)	131 444
IF YOU'RE NOT SURE (Hornsby Police Station)	9476 979
TTY—To ask for Police, type PPP	106
SPEAK AND LISTEN	1 800 555 727

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11. Do try the audit checklist that is available from the Police website:
https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0006/113793/nsw_police_house_unit_assessment.pdf "**Residential Apartment and Unit Complex Assessment**".
12. Don't tell burglars you live alone. Leave an answering machine greeting that says "We can't come to the phone right now... " even if you live alone. When someone is at the door, call out loudly to your imaginary room-mate that you will answer it.
13. Don't be complacent because you don't live on the ground floor. Secure balcony doors & windows. Break & Enters happen at 1st & 2nd floor units.
14. Don't list your first name on the apartment directory, or name plate. Offenders may target residents they see as being more vulnerable, eg women living alone.
15. When moving in, consider installing new locks. You don't know if the unit has been burgled before. For extra security it's a good idea to get locks changed and re-keyed. This includes the mailbox. Request our 20 Tips for MAILBOXES.
16. Request your Body Corporate pursue Crime Prevention initiatives, eg: 'Rapid Removal' graffiti policy, monitored CCTV, landscaping to reduce the opportunity for crime, secure fences & gates, security lighting.
17. Do not leave your car park remote control or any valuables on view in your vehicle, even if it is locked and in the secure parking area.
18. Consider replacing the main door lock(s) with high-quality deadlocks. Replace any screws with longer ones to secure any door chain / door bar.
19. Fire exits are a risk. Never leave fire exit doors propped open.
20. Natural ladders are a risk. Don't provide easy access to upper level balconies, eg wheelie bins, lattice, trees, nearby fences.

This information was compiled by volunteers with Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. Please contact your Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) at Hornsby Police Station for more information. Phone: 9476 9799.

Tips and other resources are available to download free from the Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby website: au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org/Tips/.

See also the community's one-stop-shop of crime prevention information: WatchOut.org.au.

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