



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



OUR 20 FAVOURITE CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR **RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES**

1. INSTALL A PEEP-HOLE IN YOUR FRONT DOOR & INSTALL THE BRIGHTEST LIGHTBULB IN THE LIGHT OUTSIDE YOUR FRONT DOOR.
2. DON'T RELY ON FLYSCREENS AS SECURITY DOORS.
3. LOCK YOUR DOORS WHEN INSIDE. DON'T UNLOCK AND/OR OPEN YOUR FRONT DOOR IN PREPARATION FOR A VISITOR/TRADESMAN.
4. FIT KEYED LOCKS ON SLIDING DOORS /WINDOWS. ALTERNATIVE HOLES CAN ALLOW A LOCKED-WHILE-OPEN POSITION for ventilation.
5. PHOTOGRAPH JEWELLERY AND PRECIOUS ITEMS. Place a rule adjacent to the item for scale.
6. ENGRAVE ALL VALUABLE ITEMS WITH AN IDENTIFYING NUMBER. An engraver is available for loan from your Crime Prevention Officer. For delicate items such as phones, use an Ultra-Violet marker pen.
7. KEEP A TORCH AND PHONE BY THE BED. Pre-programme emergency numbers into the phone — PTO for contact numbers.
8. IF YOU ARE TRAVELLING AT NIGHT, PLEASE PLAN YOUR TRIP & PARKING ARRANGEMENTS CAREFULLY. Refer to public transport timetables to avoid waits. Park in well-lit areas. Travel as a group.
9. PLEASE ALWAYS FEEL YOU CAN ASK FOR HELP! YOU HAVE PROBABLY HELPED OTHERS ALL YOUR LIFE—It's your turn to be offered assistance, to be comfortable, happy and safe.
10. REPORT EVERYTHING! If you see anything suspicious, or witness a crime, no matter how small and seemingly insignificant, please tell the Police.

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11. USE ATMs INSIDE THE BANK. TAKE YOUR TIME. IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT SOMEONE NEARBY, CANCEL THE TRANSACTION. HIDE THAT CASH! DON'T ADVERTISE THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE MONEY. Did you know some supermarkets will let you take out \$50 with no purchase necessary?
12. WHEN OUT SHOPPING, KEEP YOUR HANDBAG ZIPPED-UP & WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES. DO NOT BE TEMPTED TO LEAVE IT IN A SHOPPING TROLLEY.
It only takes a second for a thief to steal your purse.
13. SAY 'NO' TO TELE-MARKETERS, 'COLD-CALLERS', OR PEOPLE WANTING ANY PERSONAL DETAILS ON THE PHONE.
14. PLACE YOUR PHONE NUMBER(S) ON THE 'DO NOT CALL REGISTER':
www.donotcall.gov.au
15. CLEAR YOUR MAILBOX REGULARLY. Accept help from a trusted neighbour, if needed.
16. IF YOU USE A COMPUTER, ALWAYS USE AN UP-TO-DATE SECURITY SYSTEM AND FIREWALL SOFTWARE. If you don't understand that last statement, then get a young relative or friend to explain—it's important. The Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre [9988 4966] and The Shed [9983 9732] offer FREE 'Broadband for Seniors' Computer tuition.
17. GET YOURSELF A COPY OF 'THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK OF SCAMS' from
www.scamwatch.gov.au.
18. BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR. 'BUDDY-UP' WITH A NEIGHBOUR. HAVE A SIGNAL THAT YOU ARE OK, such as opening your curtains in the morning.
19. TAKE CARE WHEN ANSWERING THE DOOR AFTER SUN-DOWN.
20. KNOW YOUR PHONE NUMBERS. Ensure they are ready and available in your phone. Include an **ICE** number (In Case of Emergencies) for access by emergency services.

FOR EMERGENCIES (Including anyone on your property)	000
TO REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS (Crime Stoppers)	1 800 333 000
TO REPORT NON-EMERG CRIME (Police Assistance Line)	131 444
IF YOU'RE NOT SURE (Hornsby Police Station)	9476 9799
TTY—To ask for Police, type PPP	106
SPEAK AND LISTEN	1800 555 727