



This list was compiled by those involved with Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby 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 **TRADIES**

1. IDENTIFY YOUR POWER TOOLS USING AN ENGRAVER, AVAILABLE FOR LOAN FROM YOUR CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER (PH: Hornsby Police Station: 9476 9799) OR LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH. Stolen power tools are easily bought and sold at garage and car boot sales.
2. DO HIDE AND LOCK ALL TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT INSIDE YOUR VEHICLE, ESPECIALLY YOUR LAPTOP, MOBILE PHONE, ETC.
3. DO SECURE ANY DOGS INSIDE, OR ON THE BACK OF A UTE. The prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 requires you to prevent the dog falling from the vehicle—or 6mths imprisonment! Please remember shade, air, water and deter any uncontrolled barking.
4. BEWARE OF NON-ANCHORAGE POINTS ON YOUR VEHICLE. Secure to the main chassis frame, in order to take the full force of the load.
5. ALWAYS DISPLAY A WARNING FLAG ON ITEMS PROTRUDING 1.2M BEHIND THE VEHICLE. Carry a red tailgate warning flag for when needed.
6. DON'T HIDE SPARE KEYS ON YOUR VEHICLE. Don't kid yourself—thieves know ALL the best hiding places! Lock vehicles at all times they are left unattended - easily forgotten. Keep keys on your person.
7. SAY 'HI' TO NEIGHBOURS AROUND A BUILDING SITE OR JOB. They are the eyes and ears of the community.
8. DO NOT OVERLOAD VEHICLES. KNOW YOUR VEHICLE'S LIMIT. It's worth making two trips. See more here: <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/heavy-vehicles/safety-compliance/load-height-restrictions/>
9. PARK IN A WELL-LIT OR HIGH PEDESTRIAN AREA. Do not leave items on rear of vehicle if not parked in a secure area. This is the most common way for the theft of tools and equipment, especially at night.
10. CONSIDER INSTALLING A HIGH QUALITY ALARM and/or STEERING WHEEL LOCK and/or ENGINE IMMOBILISER. Technical questions about engine immobilisers? Phone **1300 132 146** for your nearest Immobilise Now! Installer.

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11. IF BEING PAID IN CASH, GO STRAIGHT TO A BANKING INSTITUTION. Preferably, don't choose to be paid large sums of money in cash.
12. BEWARE BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVELS THE-MORNING-AFTER-THE-NIGHT-BEFORE. Does your work depend on your licence?
13. ENSURE YOU'RE PROPERLY INSURED. The builder? Owner? You? Double-check your understanding at all times, especially at handover and mile stones.
14. POSITION & RESTRAIN YOUR LOAD CORRECTLY, INCLUDING TOOLS & EQUIPMENT. A comprehensive LOAD RESTRAINT GUIDE is available from the National Transport Commission: <https://www.ntc.gov.au/codes-and-guidelines/load-restraint-guide>
15. KNOW THE WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY legislation. Don't be tempted to go topless in direct sun. See more here: <https://www.business.gov.au/risk-management/health-and-safety/work-health-and-safety>
16. USE A HANDS-FREE KIT/BLUETOOTH FOR YOUR PHONE. Keep phone calls & messaging for later.
17. KNOW THE LOCAL LAWS FOR THE STORAGE OF BUILDING GEAR/ MATERIALS ON NATURE STRIPS. Council Rangers patrol these laws.
18. REMEMBER NOT TO PARK ON NATURE STRIPS OR FOOTPATHS. The ranger is watching you...
19. ASK YOUR CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER FOR A BUILDING SITE CRIME PREVENTION RESOURCE KIT. Most building site crime is theft and vandalism. Coordinate deliveries for the day materials can be installed, minimising goods left alone on-site at weekends. More info here: http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/95767/brochure.pdf
20. KNOW THE ROAD RULES: <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/licence/heavy-vehicle-driver-handbook.pdf>

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