

**You can make  
your home safer  
from break-in**



# 8 easy ways to outsmart a thief

1. Keep your doors, windows and garage locked even when you're home.
2. Carry your garage remote with you. Don't leave it in your car.
3. Put your valuables where they can't be seen from outside.
4. Keep your keys out of sight and in a spot a thief wouldn't think to look.
5. Cut up boxes from new TVs, laptops and game consoles and put them in the recycling bin.
6. Install motion sensor lights around your home and garage and keep lights on at night.
7. Regularly mow your law and trim back trees and shrubs so thieves don't have a place to hide.
8. Be a good neighbour and watch out for each other.



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Let's watch out for each other

## How safe is your place?

Learn how secure your home is with our online tool, How Safe Is My Place? You'll learn more ways you can protect your home from potential break-ins and get a free personal report.

[howsafeismyplace.com.au](https://howsafeismyplace.com.au)

## Call Triple Zero (000)

if a crime is happening now.

Call the **Police Assistance Line** on **131 444** for non-urgent crimes.





**You can help  
stop illegal  
dumping  
in True North**

# 5 things you can do to help stop illegal dumping

1. Fence your block to deter people from entering your property.
2. Ask your builder to install a security camera until handover.
3. Find out how any potential builders intend to remove and recycle their building rubbish.
4. Report dumped rubbish to your property developer, your local council and the EPA at [epa.vic.gov.au](http://epa.vic.gov.au)
5. If you see someone dumping rubbish and they're still around, call Triple Zero (000). If they've gone, report it to Victoria Police on 131 444 or to Crime Stoppers anonymously on 2800 333 000).



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**Rubbish that's dumped illegally affects everyone.**

**It can make your neighbourhood look unappealing, damage the environment, encourage more crime and be a public safety risk. And it spoils the natural beauty of our community.**



**If you can spot  
a scam you can  
stop a scam**



# 7 steps to stay ahead of scams

1. Don't share your personal or bank info.
2. Delete suspicious texts messages and emails and don't answer calls from unknown numbers.
3. Don't click on suspicious links or attachments.
4. Check the email or web address against the company's legit ones.
5. Make sure the website's address bar has a padlock symbol and starts with "https".
6. Choose passwords that use a mix of upper and lower case letters, numbers and symbols.
7. Verify the offer or request with the company using an email or phone number you have sourced yourself.



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## Does it pass the scam test?

- S**eems too good to be true
- C**ontacted out of the blue
- A**sking for personal details
- M**oney is requested

## Where to get help

**Scamwatch:** [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)

**Police Assistance Line:** 131 444

**ReportCyber:** [www.cyber.gov.au](http://www.cyber.gov.au)

