




DARKER NIGHTS ARE HERE

IF YOU'RE NOT IN DON'T LET EVERYONE KNOW!

Burglars target homes that look unoccupied

Remember lights,
locks and alarm

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As the nights get darker earlier, the fear of crime can increase. Here are a few things you can do to feel safer:

- Leave a light on in more than one room, such as the lounge and bedroom. Remember to choose low-energy lamps.
- Use a timer switch to operate the lights as it starts to get dark.
- Change the times that the lights come on to create the illusion that someone is moving around inside the home.
- Consider the use of 'smart' technology to have different lights coming on in your house at different times.
- Make sure your front door is well lit and fully visible from the street. Also think about security lighting at the rear and side of your property.
- Keep shrubbery and hedges at the front pruned to below 1 metre to remove cover for a burglar to work unseen and allow visibility by neighbours.
- Consider having a good quality CCTV system installed.
- Keep your curtains closed at night - if you are away, ask a neighbour to close them for you.
- Check existing lighting is in good working order and replace any faulty equipment.
- Remember to check batteries in torches and smoke alarms.
- Lock all windows and doors even when you are at home.
- Put the alarm on even when you go out and at night
- Don't leave valuable items or car keys on view near your front door.
- Photograph your property and register it free of charge at www.immobilise.com

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