

# SAFER HOMES SECURITY CHECKLIST

This security checklist is designed to assist home owners to identify potential areas of vulnerability and improve their security measures to help reduce the risk of crime.

By introducing some simple but practical security precautions into everyday life, we can all take an active role in reducing crime and help keep our homes and community safe.

Complete the checklist below. With every 'yes' you tick your home becomes more secure. (Please note this is a guide only)

Outside the home (street view and property surrounds)		Yes	No
1.	Is your house number clearly visible from the street?		
2.	Do you have good fences and gates around your home?		
3.	Are trees and bushes trimmed to give good visibility and surveillance of the garden?		
4.	Are trees and bushes trimmed to eliminate potential hiding spots?		
5.	Are gates and garage doors locked when not in use?		
6.	Are tools and ladders stored away?		
7.	Is your garden shed or workshop secured?		
8.	Is your letterbox and meter box secured?		
9.	Do you know your neighbours? Neighbours are your most valuable security asset – they can keep an eye on your property and report suspicious activity.		
Doors and windows			
10.	Do you have adequate locks such as deadbolts or deadlocks on all doors?		
11.	Do your windows have key-locks and/or security screens fitted?		
12.	Do you have a peep hole so visitors can be identified before opening the door?		
Lighting		Yes	No
13.	Are the entrances to your home well lit?		
14.	Do you have motion-sensor lights installed or a light timer?		
15.	Is existing lighting sufficient?		
Alarms and CCTV			
16.	Do you have a security alarm installed in your home?		
17.	Is the security alarm system monitored?		
18.	Does the security alarm have a duress or manual activation function?		
19.	Do you have a CCTV system installed in your home?		
20.	Do you have window stickers advising you have an alarm and/or CCTV in operation?		
21.	Are smoke alarms installed and regularly checked? Visit: <a href="#">DFES</a> for further information		
Property marking			
22.	Have you photographed expensive items such as jewellery, cameras, electronic equipment and artwork?		
23.	Have you recorded the make, model and serial numbers?		
24.	Are your contents and valuables engraved or permanently marked for easy identification? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engravers are available to borrow as you would a book from all Canning Libraries</li> <li>The City also provides free UV Property Marking kits to all Canning residents.</li> <li>For more information <a href="#">NHW</a> Homeowners Property Register</li> </ul>		
25.	Do you have window stickers advising that all valuables have been marked?		

Going on holidays?		
26.	If you're going on holiday, have you registered to have your property regularly patrolled while you are away? • Contact the Ranger and Community Safety Services team to book your free Holiday Watch Service	
27.	Have you let a trusted friend or neighbour know your plans & provided them with emergency contact details?	
28.	Have you left a house key with a trusted friend or neighbour?	
29.	Have you arranged for someone to bring in your rubbish bins?	
30.	Have you redirected your mail or asked a trusted friend or neighbour to collect it?	
		<b>Totals</b>
<b>Use the matrix below to calculate your security level</b>		

How many times did you answer YES?	
1 - 10	It's a good start - but there is still room for improvement.
11 - 20	Well done - you are working hard to make your home safe.
21 - 30	Excellent - you take safety and security seriously and are ensuring a high level of protection to your home.

### Emergency contact numbers

- Police assistance **131 444**
- For life threatening emergencies **000**

### Ranger & Community Safety Services

The City's Ranger & Community Safety Service aims to provide peace of mind. Officers are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week to discourage anti-social behaviour in our communities and provide assistance with relevant legislation and local law matters.

- Rangers operate seven days a week providing assistance with local law matters including:  
Animal control | Parking | Fire hazard reduction | Litter & illegal dumping | Off-road vehicles.
- Community Safety Officers are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week  
Community Patrols | Hotspot Patrols | Observe & Report | Safety and Security Advice & Information | Holiday Watch Service.

Please call **1300 422 664** for assistance or visit [canning.wa.gov.au](http://canning.wa.gov.au) for more details.

### Useful numbers and links:

- **WA Scam Net:**  
Have you received a phone, text or email which seems a bit unusual or suspicious?  
Consumer Protection has developed WA ScamNet to help combat this ever increasing problem. For advice, tips and to report:  
Please call **1300 304 054** or visit [scamnet.wa.gov.au](http://scamnet.wa.gov.au)
- **Emergency WA:**  
Emergency WA is the State's official website for community warnings and other emergency management information for bushfires, storms, cyclones, floods, prescribed burns, hazardous material incidents. For a list and geographical map of current incidents and warnings.  
Please visit [emergency.wa.gov.au](http://emergency.wa.gov.au)
- **Crimestoppers WA:**  
Anonymous reporting. To report information about any crime or suspicious activities contact Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000**  
or visit [crimestoppers.wa.gov.au](http://crimestoppers.wa.gov.au)
- **Neighbourhood Watch:**  
Is a community safety and awareness program aimed at reducing the incident of preventable and opportunistic crime. The City of Canning supports an active NHW Volunteer Program, if you would like to know more, please contact the Safe Communities team on **1300 422 664** or email [Safe.Communities@canning.wa.gov.au](mailto:Safe.Communities@canning.wa.gov.au)