



## TIPS for HOME SAFETY

# Be House Smart - Play Your Part

### Mail Box –

An overflowing mailbox can be a sign that you are absent. When going away, arrange to have your mailbox cleared regularly and cancel newspaper deliveries. The Post Office can hold or redirect your mail.

### Boxes/Cartons –

Don't leave packaging from newly purchased goods on your nature strip for collection, as it can provide a shopping list for thieves. Break up boxes and place them in larger boxes for recycling.

### Motor Mowers and Tools –

Do not leave motor mowers and other tools in full view to passers-by – they provide a temptation to opportunist thieves.

### Rubbish Bin –

Try not to leave your rubbish bin out after rubbish collection. This can indicate to would-be burglars that you are not at home.

### Neighbours –

Vigilant neighbours are a key element in home safety and security. If you live in a Neighbourhood Watch area, affix your NHW plate to your mailbox or on a prominent place on the fence or front of the house.

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