

# Summer tips for a safer home and community

Thousands of Kiwi families and businesses have trusted Matrix Security to protect them for over 20 years. With summer on our doorsteps and holiday plans in focus, so too is the increased threat of theft and crime. Here's a few key tips on getting your home and family safety ready as we head into the warmer months:

## Key observation

Ensuring your home or business is as secure as possible is the first step towards crime prevention. A careful inspection of your residence by a trained professional is a good starting point. They can observe security precautions and indicate features which would make entry easy – or difficult – for a prospective burglar.

## Keep it locked

Get into the habit of locking your doors and windows, even when you're in the home. It may sound simple, but numerous break-ins are due to unforced entry into the home, via an unlocked door or window or opportunist theft. Installing window locks to prevent burglars from simply opening the latch or sliding a window open is a good option. Also, take the time to inspect every room in your house and identify weak spots of entry and secure where needed.

## Write it down

Record the serial numbers of your possessions and keep the records in a safe place. Also, consider keeping valuables in a safe or at the bank. For jewellery and highly valuable items, take digital photos and store on portable USB drives – not just on your home computer.

## Family education

The whole family should be in on safety measures to prevent your home being vulnerable for attack. Sit down with children and discuss the importance of locking bedroom windows at dusk, and keep downstairs or back doors locked when not in use. If your children let themselves in through a garage door after school, teach them the importance of closing and locking the garage, and internal doors after entering.







## Cars, gates and spares

Whether you're away for a week, a day or an hour, keep your car and garage locked at all times and keep your spare keys in a safe place. Burglars know all the usual places – so don't make it easy for them. Remember to lock your side gates too as these provide easy access to the back of your house, allowing burglars to operate - out of sight. Keep ladders stored securely, away from access to the roof or second story window, and never leave ladders or tools in an unlocked shed.

## Stay visible

Make your place hard to hide around by pruning trees and shrubs away from doors, windows and driveways. Install motion-censored lighting to cover the front, rear, and sides of the house.

## Affordable Safety Solutions

A break-in, even when you're not there, has a long-term impact on you and your family's sense of safety and well-being. Your happiness shouldn't come at a compromise - for further advice and information on staying safe and secure all-year-round, speak to our team of experts who will personalise the best safety solution for you.

## Holiday Hot List

There are lot's of added risks when you're away from home on holiday, or for work travel. Burglars are smart and can quickly identify unoccupied houses making them a prime target for an easy win. If you would like additional security checks of exterior windows and doors or the added convenience of an extra pair of hands - from mail collection to bringing in rubbish bins, Matrix Security can tailor make a home protection plan for your home and family.

## For a free, no-obligation security needs analysis

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