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Crime Prevention Corner

Home Security Tips for Families

- House breaks are a common form of property crime in bayside suburbs.
- **The vast majority of unlawful entries are due to unlocked doors and windows.**
- The main items stolen are car keys, handbags/wallets, jewellery, smartphones & tablets (iPads etc)
- Some stolen property is recovered, but most is not.
- Most of these crimes are committed by juveniles or young adult males.

Residents can minimise the risk of becoming a victim of crime by taking some simple precautions:

- **Key-lock every entry door at all times.** ‘Sneak breaks’ occur day and night, and even when residents are at home.
- Keep valuables out of sight – it does not take long to steal them if they are easy to find.
- Lock or secure windows. Install security screens or shatterproof film to add extra security.
- Consider installing motion sensitive exterior lights which are often a good deterrent after dark.
- Keep your garage door closed and secure at all times; including when you are at home.
- Lock your car even when parked inside your garage and do not leave the keys nearby.
- Ensure your home is clearly visible from the street to deter trespassers.