You, your neighbours and your community can help to prevent and reduce crime.

Security is everyone's responsibility

- Do you know the person entering the building behind you?
- Did you ask for identification?
- Are you a Neighbourhood Watch participant?
- Have you marked your property or recorded its serial number?
- Is there a peephole in your main door?
- Do you have an alarm or security camera?
- Is there a building "safe" word?
- Are your apartment doors and windows equipped with locks?

REPORT ANY CRIMINAL OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO POLICE, NO MATTER HOW UNIMPORTANT YOU BELIEVE IT IS.

Who do I call?

In an emergency: **For Police, Fire or Ambulance.** If it is happening now, phone Triple Zero. Where life or property is threatened or in danger.	**000** **106** (For hearing and speech impaired)
For all non urgent police assistance: To report an offence or other matters requiring police attendance.	**131 444**
Domestic violence related matters: This can include: - physical abuse - damage to property - sexual abuse - verbal abuse - harassment or intimidation - financial abuse, or - threatening to do any of these things.	**131 444**
Hoon behaviour: Dangerous driving includes speeding, illegal street racing, burnouts, playing loud music from car stereos, marine hooning and drink driving.	**131 444**
Crime Stoppers: For anonymous reporting.	**1800 333 000**

For more information and security tips or to contact your State or Territory Neighbourhood Watch office, go to the Neighbourhood Watch Australasia website:

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Multi Residential Accommodation

SECURE LIVING

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is a program that encourages people to be actively involved in their community, by creating a network of neighbours who:

- Help each other
- Keep an eye on each other
- Look out for each other
- Look out for their immediate environment

Neighbourhood Watch can be implemented in a variety of different ways and may include many different activities based on what suits your community and what is going to work in your area.

Neighbourhood Watch works in partnership with police to create safe, connected and inclusive communities.

Some steps you can take to establish Neighbourhood Watch

Strata management meetings

Incorporate Neighbourhood Watch as an agenda item of established meetings to discuss:

- What are the crime and social problems?
- What are the perceived levels of safety and satisfaction of living in the building?
- What are the existing benefits of crime prevention through Neighbourhood Watch programs?

Formulate safety and courtesy procedures

It is a good idea to formulate and agree on simple safety procedures and simple courtesy considerations.

For example:

- How will common areas of the building be supervised?
- What can people do if they don't know the person entering the building behind them?
- Is there a building code word used by residents?

How will information be shared?

It is important to keep residents informed about what is happening in their building. Encourage everyone to be part of the solution. Use available resources to record information to share amongst neighbours and the police.

Encourage residents to join your local Neighbourhood Watch group and follow its social media pages to keep informed about what is happening in your community.

Develop community spirit

Know your neighbours - because of the nature of multi-residential living, it's easy to overlook the benefits of knowing your neighbours. Stimulate a sense of community which produces increased levels of participation. Host events as opportunities for people to get to know each other and help develop a sense of responsibility between each other.

Digital and online communication

In addition to the direct communication between people, there are other methods available for exchanging information such as texting, social media apps and emailing.

The advantage of a digital network is that you can get in touch with each other quickly and efficiently. This is important for passing on information, warnings and tips.

For people to feel they are part of things, everyone needs to be included in the information sharing process.