

Home SECURITY

There's no need
to go to extremes

GOOD BETTER BEST

Improving your home security does not need to be costly or complicated.

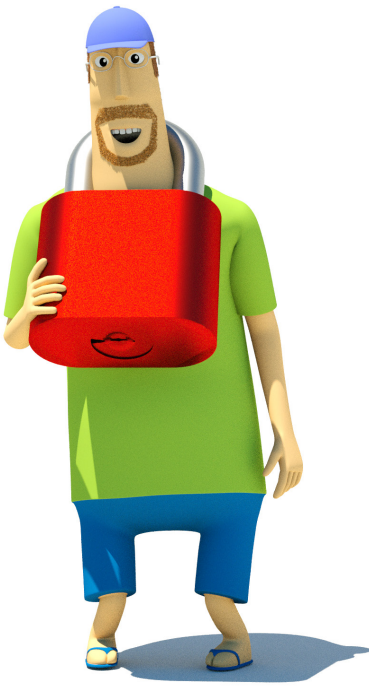
There are many things you can do that are low-cost or even no-cost.

Check out these good, better and best home security ideas.

GOOD HOME SECURITY

- Lock all doors and windows – even when you are home or planning to be away only for a short time.
- Leave lights on when you are out at night so it looks like someone is home.
- Trim trees and shrubs around your home to remove areas where an intruder could hide from view.
- Leave a spare key with a trusted family member, friend or neighbour – never leave them in 'secret' hiding spots.
- Pack away tools and toys so they cannot be stolen or used to break into your home.
- Make a list of your valuables – include serial numbers and take photos too.





BETTER HOME SECURITY

- Upgrade to quality deadlocks on all doors and add key-locks to all windows.
- Add locks to garages, side access gates, garden sheds and your power board (contact your electricity provider for information about approved locks).
- Purchase timers to turn lights on and off when you are away and install motion sensor lights to areas outside your home.
- Upgrade to a large, lockable letterbox and add a high-visibility number for your house.
- Label your valuables with a personal identification number using an engraving tool, UV marker pen or microtag.
- Display warning signs to highlight security you have in place, such as guard dogs.

BEST HOME SECURITY

- Install security screens on doors and windows.
- Install an intruder alarm system, preferably with back-to-base monitoring.
- Install CCTV (closed-circuit television) with recording and remote viewing capability.
- Install motion sensor lights to illuminate areas such as driveways, doors and side gates.

