

# Secure **your** Home

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DO IT YOURSELF INSTRUCTION MANUAL



**You never Know  
who's hanging 'round  
these days.**

**So we're gonna show  
you ways to help make  
your home safe and  
sound.**

**Get the Know How**



## Detering unwanted intruders

*Something like 70% of unwanted intruders get into a house because of inadequate security.*

### Locks

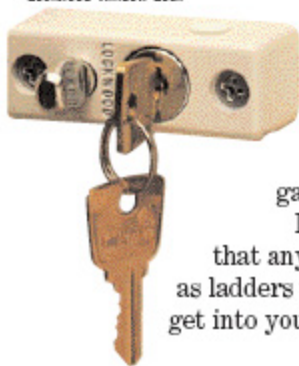
All exterior doors should be fitted with deadlocks. Make sure that the one you choose has a safety release so that you can't accidentally lock yourself in. For added personal security, spyholes and door guards allow you to screen your visitors.



Lockwood 001 Deadlatch with lever

You should also make sure every window is fitted with a window lock. There are many varieties to choose from to suit all sorts of windows.

Lockwood Window Lock



Don't forget about side gates, tool sheds and garages.

It is important to make sure that any tools and implements such as ladders that may assist a burglar to get into your house are securely locked away.

A good, secure padlock is ideal for a garden shed or gate. Make sure the padlock is rated to suit your application.

It is also advisable to change or re-key all the locks when you move into a new house.



Lockwood Padlock

## Security Doors & Window Grilles

Reinforced security doors and window grilles afford a high level of security, particularly the types which have bolts that extend into the door or window frame when locked.

They are an excellent visual as well as physical deterrent to would-be burglars. The other great advantage of security doors and window grilles is that you can open your house up to the fresh air and breezes safe in the knowledge that your house is secure from unwanted intruders.



*Whitco Leichhardt  
Screen Door Lock*

## Animals

Unauthorised entry to houses often happens when someone leaves a window or door ajar for their dog or cat to come in and out. A far safer idea is to install dog or cat flaps. This means you can securely lock your house and your four-legged friends can come and go as they please.

## Lighting

Exterior flood lamps that are activated by motion are a great safety and security measure. Not only do they light the way when you come home after dark, they are a welcoming light when someone comes to your door at night – and you can see who is there. Placed strategically around your house, motion sensor flood lamps will alert you if any unwanted intruders are prowling around, as well as providing a deterrent.



*HPM Flood Lamp  
with security  
motion sensor*

## Timer Switches

There are a range of different plug-in timer switches that can turn lights on and off or even appliances on and off such as the TV, so that it appears to the casual observer that someone is home.



## Alarm Systems

Alarm systems range from simple DIY window, door and sensor alarms that emit a loud, high-pitched noise when activated to systems with cameras and systems that are connected to a base station. For the elderly or people with medical conditions, there are systems that combine home security with medical emergency assistance.

### Get the Know-How

- *Engrave your belongings.*
- *Photograph valuables.*
- *Cancel papers and mail delivery while you are away.*
- *Get to know your neighbours.*
- *Leave a spare key with a trusted neighbour.*
- *Lock all gates, garden sheds and garages.*
- *Make sure any tools, ladders etc are locked away.*
- *Don't leave notes or messages on your front door.*
- *Change or re-key, all the locks when you move house.*



# Safety Inside Your House

## Fire Safety

Over 60% of fires in the home occur at night – when people are most likely to be asleep.

You cannot rely on your sense of smell to wake you up. Smoke alarms are an essential part of household safety. Battery operated models are inexpensive and easy to install. For complete protection, you need to have several alarms installed throughout your home – particularly near all bedrooms. Remember to test your smoke alarms regularly. Some smoke alarms feature a battery level touch test device to ensure batteries are still operational. Other models emit an intermittent tone when their batteries are low.



*HPM 240V Smoke Alarm*

Fire extinguishers and fire blankets are useful to extinguish a small fire before it spreads.

Purchase an extinguisher that can be used in the kitchen where fires commonly start.

Fire extinguishers are filled with different substances suited to different types of fires including electrical, chemical, oil, wood and paper. Dry powder extinguishers are useful for all types of fires.

You can choose between refillable or disposable fire extinguishers. Disposable extinguishers can only be used once before being discarded.

Refillable extinguishers must be checked and serviced annually by a fire service organisation to maintain correct pressure and quality seals.

It's also a good idea to rehearse a fire drill with your family – particularly children. Make sure they know to keep low and where the nearest exit is to their bedroom. If you have deadlocks fitted, make sure they are the type with a safety release, so that you minimise the chance of being locked in.



*Lockwood Macquarie Door Lock with Safety Release*

## Electrical Safety

There is a range of safety products, some of which you can install yourself, that will protect your family and your valuable equipment from electrical damage.

Safety switches monitor the power flow into a circuit through an active wire and back through a neutral wire to detect any imbalance. An imbalance will cause the safety switch to disconnect the power in one thirty thousandth of a second.



*HPM Electresafe Powerpoint*

Safety switches can be switchboard mounted or built into power points.

There are also portable switches on a portable power board, and in the form of a plug top which is built into the plug of an appliance.

With the exception of portable safety switches, a licensed electrician must fit all safety switches.

Safety or Nursery plugs are small plastic covers that fit into power points which are not being used to prevent children from pushing things into them. They are designed to be difficult for children to remove.

Electrical surges can instantly damage electronic equipment, but you can protect your valuable appliances with surge protection products.



*HPM Surge Arresting Powerpoint*

## Child Safety

Most accidents that happen to children happen in the home. Happily, there are a number of products that you can install simply and easily in your home to minimise the risk of injury.

Hot water burns are a major cause of injury to small children. The simplest way to avoid this is to turn the thermostat of your hot water down to between 50 and 55° C.

Alternatively, you can have anti-scald fittings attached to the bath which slows dangerously hot water to a trickle. Another good idea for the bath are anti-slip adhesive patches and tap protectors in case they slip and fall – they won't injure themselves on the sharp edges of the tap.

Cupboard and door latches are easy to fit and ensure that toddlers and small children don't find their way into places they shouldn't – particularly laundry and bathroom cupboards – to say nothing of your best crockery or glassware.

Always try to dress your children in low risk fire clothing. Teach children to

*"stop, drop and roll"*

if their clothing catches on fire.

Tell them to keep rolling until all flames are extinguished.



*Safety Plugs prevent curious toddlers from inserting objects into power points*

## Get the Know-How

- *Switch off electrical appliances at the wall and unplug after use.*
- *Use power point covers when sockets are not in use.*
- *Have safety switches installed and avoid using double adaptors and extension cords.*
- *Powerboards are safer.*
- *Employ qualified electricians to do all electrical work.*
- *Keep all electrical cords, switches and appliances in good repair.*
- *Keep electrical cords out of reach (not dangling over bench tops or trailing across the floor) and stored away from wet areas.*
- *Keep a first aid kit and a CPR chart handy.*
- *Keep poisons safely locked away.*

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