



Don't invite thieves

Before long we will be enjoying wonderful outdoor evening meals that are very much part of our kiwi lifestyle.

Unfortunately this often provides an open invitation to the wrong sort of guest. Burglars will take the opportunity to enter the house through any unlocked or open doors while the family is occupied outside, and remove precious items from inside the house.

Even if you are inside the house it is important to ensure that the doors and windows out of your view are kept locked.



Police have attended incidents where people have been in their houses in both daylight and during the night and someone has entered their house. Later they have found that handbags, wallets and other valuable items have been taken.

It's important that you not leave these items where they can be seen. Purses and jewellery should be stored out of sight. Items lying around tempt potential thieves looking in windows. Theft can also occur when occupants of a home are outside working in the garden, hanging out washing or taking the

rubbish bin to the gate. Lock all doors and carry a key with you to prevent thieves entering your home while you are otherwise occupied.

And do not leave garage doors open unless you are working right there in the driveway. It only takes a few moments of inattention for someone to enter your property. In the evening, check that doors and windows are locked just before sundown each day.

Do not answer the door unless you are expecting someone and they have made their arrival time clear to you, or you have some way of identifying them. Undesirables have been known to use the guise of trying to sell you something or asking to use the phone to gain access to your property. Good security lighting on all sides of the house is an advantage and will often act as a deterrent to unwanted visitors. Let's enjoy a safe and happy summer!

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