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HOPE ISLAND RESORT

Circular to all Residents

SECURITY REMINDER

Dear Residents,

With the warm weather approaching, Hope Island Resort Security (HIRS) wish to take this opportunity to emphasise that you take all necessary precautions to safeguard you, your family, and your property. It is essential you and your family get into the habit of **LOCKING UP**, particularly over the holidays.

House-breaking, also known as break and enter or burglary, is one of the most common crimes and can occur at any time of the day or night. By regularly assessing your home security, introducing targeted security measures and changes to your everyday behaviours – you can help keep your home safe. Good home security can be achieved by following these key principles:

- Make it easy for an offender to be seen;
- Make it difficult for an offender to gain entry;
- Make it difficult for an offender to exit with your property; and
- Make it difficult for an offender to gain benefit from your property.

HOW YOU CAN PROTECT YOUR HOME

On this basis, HIRS reminds all Residents to take the following security measures whilst away from their property:

- Secure all doors/windows to the property;
- Get to know your neighbours; a community who knows and looks after each other is a safe one;
- Do not leave valuable items outside the house;
- Arm the house on the alarm system even if you are absent for a short time;
- Advise HIR Security if you will be away for extended periods;
- Secure all vehicles; and
- Do not leave valuable items in plain view.

HOW YOU CAN PROTECT YOUR VEHICLE

Most car thefts, and theft from cars, are opportunistic in nature however, there are steps you can take to reduce the risk of having your car stolen or broken into:

- Lock your vehicle, including the boot and sunroof, and remember to close all windows;
- Keep your keys out of sight and never leave vehicle keys at the front door, or 'easy to find' places like tables, benches or key hooks;
- Remove keys from the ignition and lock your vehicle if your vehicle is parked or unattended; even if it's only for a minute;
- Never hide spare keys on or in the vehicle – thieves know where to look;
- Remove all valuables and personal items when leaving your car unattended;
- Park in well-lit and highly visibly areas whenever possible, utilising off-street and secured parking;
- When parking in a garage, ensure both the garage and vehicle are locked and the garage door remotes are secured;
- Avoid marking your keys with personal or vehicle details including name, phone number or registration details;
- Consider installing a car alarm or steering wheel lock to help protect your vehicle;
- Consider installing a remote engine immobiliser which meets Australian Standards; and
- Consider installing a GPS tracker to your vehicle.



The Queensland Police Service (QPS) encourages the use of anti-theft screws on number plates to deter thieves. By using anti-theft screws, you can help reduce your risk of number plate theft.

USE OF GOLF BUGGIES

Please note that there has been an increase in underage driving of golf buggies. The operation of Golf Buggies requires all drivers to hold a valid driver's license as per Queensland Law noting that QPS monitor the Resort roadways. It is important for the safety of all you ensure that road rules are always abided by. It is also requested that Residents who witness underage and illegal driving report the matter to HIRS.

Please ensure you report any type of suspicious or unusual activity to HIRS immediately via telephone 07 5629 8999. Do not feel embarrassed or uncertain to report, as it is always better to be safe than sorry.

Yours faithfully,

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