



Savvy Seniors Safer Homes

Baw Baw Shire Council, Victoria Police and the local community are working together to share information to help seniors feel confident in their home security choices. For more home safety tips visit bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/savvyseniors

Home safety tips

Keep in touch with trusted family and friends

They can help when you need it or might notice if something changes.



Connect with people in your neighbourhood (neighbours, community groups)

Knowing familiar faces can help you notice any suspicious activities and help you to build a support network.



Get reliable, up-to-date information from trusted sources

Council, Neighbourhood Watch and Victoria Police have a range of information available to help you to make your home safer.



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Talking with trusted friends, neighbours and family about home security reduces worry about crime and helps you make better security choices. For more home safety tips visit bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/savvyseniors

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Report all suspected and actual crimes/scams quickly to Police or Scamwatch.

The authorities rely on community information to do their work.



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Home safety tips

Seek out help with technology and change passwords

This makes it harder for cyber-criminals to hack your accounts.



Be informed and adaptable

Get good information and be willing to change as your needs and the world changes.



Use services that you are entitled to.

They can support your independence and safety at home. Register with www.MyAgedCare.gov.au



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Sensor lights and security cameras are some of the things that improve home security and safety. For more home safety tips visit bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/savvyseniors

Home safety tips

Store keys, tools and valuables securely and out of sight

Many crimes are opportunistic – don't make it easy for a thief to gain access!

Make it look like you are home even when you are not

Timer lights and mail collection help a lot. This can deter would-be thieves.

Add crime-fighting landscaping around your house

Thorny roses near the windows, for example, will help deter a thief from entering this way.

Property maintenance and improvements

Replace globes, trim overgrown plants, ensure fences are secure.

