

Artarmon Neighbourhood Watch – CW5 – Spring Update

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The number of incidents between July and September is enough to warn residents to be mindful of home and vehicle security at all times.

North shore police are urging local residents to be vigilant in securing their homes as the warmer weather approaches. Although local break and enter rates have been significantly down over the winter, police have noticed an upward trend in the past weeks.

Analysis shows a big percentage of offenders have targeted homes with open or unlocked door or window – in some cases where the occupants have been home at the time. North shore police crime prevention officer, S/Constable Matt Jewell, said people tended to leave their main doors open during warmer weather, making them a target for thieves.

“Often people leave their doors or windows open to take advantage of the fresh spring air,” he said. “This makes it easier for opportunists and professional thieves to enter and steal handbags, wallets and other easily accessible items.”

Security screen doors and window locks are simple measures to maintain security while opening the house up to the warmer weather.

CW5 Neighbourhood Watch AGM & Christmas Cheer: Monday, December 6, 8pm, Artarmon Library

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Crime Statistics for Artarmon, July - September 2010

Common assault	4
Armed robbery	1
Steal from person	0
Steal from motor vehicle	14
Other steal	12
Break and enter (see table below)	36
Graffiti	0
Malicious damage to property	8
Total	75

Source: COPS, NSW police

Break, Enter, Steal & Intent Steal Statistics for Artarmon, July - September 2010

Type of Premises	Residential	Commercial, industrial
Number of Incidents	32	4
Locations	18 units, 7 garages, 6 house/town-house, 1 other	1 warehouse, 3 other
Point of Access	11 windows, 8 front door, 4 other doors, 1 wall, 1 garage, 7 other/unknown	2 front door, 1 front wall, 1 unknown
Method of Entry	9 forced/manipulated lock; 7 open/opened, 3 physical/smash, 13 other/unknown	1 forced lock, 2 other, 1 unknown

Source: COPS, NSW police