



Preventing theft from storage cages

Key crime prevention tips

- Be mindful of who you let into your building.
- Secure your belongings.
- Make your belongings recognisable.

Theft prevention checklist

Be mindful of who you let into your building

- Be aware of your surroundings and ensure no one follows you into the storage cage area.

Secure your belongings

- Never leave your storage cage unlocked.
- Secure a storage cage with visible locks as visible locks can be a deterrent.
- Do not leave documents in your storage cage. Documents can be used to steal your identity.
- Hang shade cloth so storage cage contents cannot be seen.

Make your belongings recognisable

- Record serial/model numbers and photograph any valuable items.
- Mark your valuables with 'V' followed by your driver's licence number i.e V123456.

Tips for body corporates or owners' corporations

- Ensure the storage cage walls are from floor to ceiling.
- Ensure the storage cages are secured to the floor, walls and ceiling.
- Ensure the CCTV system captures the storage cages.

- Install self-closing doors into storage cage rooms.
- Ensure storage cage rooms are only accessibly by a key or swipe system.
- Install warning signs around the property. These can include "trespassers will be prosecuted" and "CCTV in use".

What to do if your storage cage has been broken into

- If you see the offender, do not confront them. Your safety is more important than your possessions.
- Do not touch anything.

Report it

- For emergencies, to report a crime in progress, or for immediate police attendance, call Triple Zero (000).
- For non-emergencies, call the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 or report online www.police.vic.gov.au/police-assistance-line-and-online-reporting.

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