



## **ADT urges residents to secure their homes in 2005**

**January 2005** – With the festive season now over, ADT is urging homeowners to ensure home security is a priority for 2005, particularly as people return to work and school, leaving their properties unattended.

Burglary costs Australia \$2,410 million a year according to the Australian Institute of Criminology\* and research shows that almost four in ten Australians have experienced a break-in at some time\*\*.

ADT, the world's largest Security Company, with over 100's years worth of experience, has a few tips to ensure your home is as secure as possible:

- Install an alarm system to give yourself peace of mind when your premises are unoccupied
- Purchase a security system that is clearly visible when installed
- Consider having your alarm system monitored by a security company so that when your alarm is triggered, you will be notified instantly
- Keep gardens trimmed so that they do not offer camouflage for burglars
- Don't leave spare keys in obvious places
- Keep doors, windows and pathways well lit at night
- Lock side gates
- Lock your meter box to prevent tampering with your home's power supply
- Padlock garden sheds and garages
- Put away garden tools and ensure ladders and wheelie bins are locked and secured to ensure they cannot be used to enter your home
- Secure all windows with locks or security grills and not just when you leave the house.

\* According to an Australian Institute of Criminology media release, 9 April 2003

\*\* According to 2003 AAMI Car & home Security Index conducted by Sweeney Research

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