



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Forde — July-September Edition 2025

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Secure September is coming

‘Secure September’ is an annual initiative of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW). Here are some tips on how you can take action to protect your family and your property in the lead-up to September and beyond.

Home

Lock doors, windows even when at home.
Put locks on side/back gate, letterbox.
Install sensor lights.
Install door peephole or a doorbell/camera device.
Get to know your nearby neighbours and look out for each other (e.g. collect mail while they are on holiday).

Children

Encourage them to walk in groups, never alone.
Use parental controls on electronic devices.
Talk with them about what’s going on in their life.
Teach them not to share personal information or images online with people they do not know.
Visit child safety sites like constablekenny.org.au or thinkuknow.org.au.

Vehicle

Always lock your car, don’t leave the keys inside it.
Don’t leave valuables in plain sight inside your car.
Secure numberplate with tamper-proof screws.

Property

Identify all valuables by marking them with your driver’s licence number or phone number. Take photos of them.
Keep an inventory of all items of value, inside and outside the house.

Burglars Active in Forde

While Forde is generally considered to be a low-crime suburb (see related comment from Google AI opposite) there has been a steady flow of reports of burglaries from dwellings in Forde so far in 2025.

There were three such incidents in January, followed by a single burglary in February, another in March, and then back up to three burglaries in April.

The above tips provided in the lead-up to “Secure September” should help to ensure we keep Forde a great place to live and raise a family.

Forde Crime Statistics	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25
Number plate theft	-	-	1
Burglary—dwellings	1	1	3
Assault	1	-	-
Motor vehicle theft	-	4	1
Other theft	-	-	-
Property damage	-	-	-
Bicycle theft	-	-	-



Fabulous “Frankies” at the Forde shopping centre has become a social hub for locals and visitors from across the ACT and interstate.

Safest Community in Canberra

If you Google “Safest suburb in Canberra” the AI (Artificial Intelligence) response is:

“Forde is generally considered one of the safest suburbs in Canberra, with the lowest crime rate in the city. Other suburbs like O’Malley, Campbell, Hughes, Yarralumla, and Deakin are also known for their low crime rates and high safety.”

Missing a bike, e-bike or e-scooter?

ACT Policing has recovered 15 bikes and e-bikes and five e-scooters following a search warrant at a serviced apartment.

On Wednesday, 9 July 2025, a man used an AirTag to track his e-bike (that had been stolen earlier that day) to a serviced apartment business in the City.

Police attended and spoke with the occupant of the apartment before securing a search warrant.

The subsequent search saw officers from the Territory Targeting Team locate 15 bikes and e-bikes and five e-scooters in the apartment as well as tools and other bike parts. The estimated value of the goods recovered is approximately \$50,000.

A 25-year-old man, who is on bail for other alleged offences, will be charged in relation to this matter when he next appears in court.

ACT Policing continues to remind Canberrans to register their bikes and e-bikes on [BikeLinc](#) - a free service that allows owners to record their bike and contact details. Should a bike be lost or stolen, that incident can also be recorded on the [BikeLinc](#) system. Police use [BikeLinc](#) to identify owners when bikes are recovered and second-hand bike buyers can also check to make sure the bike they are buying hasn't been reported stolen.

Important Contacts

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For life-threatening situations or emergencies **requiring immediate attendance** of ACT Policing or other emergency services.

131 444

If you wish to report a crime or for contact with ACT Policing and possible assistance where there is **no immediate danger**. You may also report online at police.act.gov.au.

1800 333 000

Crime Stoppers—If you have information about any illegal / criminal activity or suspicious behaviour you can call Crime Stoppers or make a report on-line at crimestoppersact.com.au. You can remain anonymous if you wish.

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