community safety framework

2015-2020
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I am pleased to present Monash’s Community Safety Framework, which sets a strong, positive direction for the next five years.

This is the first time in Monash’s 21 year history that we have produced a policy statement about community safety. Safety has always been a very high priority for us but now we have an even stronger foundation to build on.

Monash is generally a safe place to live, which is to be celebrated but never taken for granted. Safety is a fundamental human right and is essential to the wellbeing of our residents. The safer people feel, the more likely they are to participate in and enjoy community life; all of which leads to a healthy and thriving Monash.

We constantly need to remind ourselves that community members have different perceptions of safety, depending on their age, gender, ethnicity, experiences, health and abilities. In particular, the way that community spaces and infrastructure are designed can have significant implications for women’s perceptions of safety. We will continue to be conscious of everyone’s needs when we are designing or approving plans for public spaces.

We will continue to be leaders in preventing violence against women in both private and public spaces. We are determined to prevent violence against women before it occurs through serious, long-term initiatives such as our Generating Equality and Respect program.

In recent years, Monash has undertaken many innovative community safety projects such as the Monash Milk Bar Network Exchange, the Clayton Laneways Project and the Community Graffiti Solutions Project. With the foundation provided by this framework, we will continue to stretch ourselves to explore new avenues and approaches to prevent crime and create a greater feeling of safety and security in our community.

We will maintain close and dynamic partnerships with Victoria Police, other emergency services, State and Federal government departments, community agencies and peak local government organisations.

Together with our local community, we will all work together to make sure that everyone in our community has a strong sense of safety and security.

Paul Klisaris
Mayor

Acknowledgement of Country

Monash Council acknowledges local Aboriginal Indigenous Australians, with the Wurundjeri people and Boon Wurrong clans of the Kulin nations, as the original custodians of the land now known as Monash and pays respect to their elders, past and present.
In Monash Council’s most recent 4-year planning survey *Monash in Four* (2013) the Monash community identified **feeling and being safe** as essential to health and wellbeing and enjoyment of community life\(^1\).

Safety is a key determinant of health and wellbeing. Feelings of safety, real or perceived, influence how people go about their daily lives and how they engage with their community.\(^2\)

Neighbourhoods which are perceived as safe inspire community activity and participation, physical activity and community connectedness. They pave the way for positive community health and wellbeing outcomes.\(^3\)

The safer people feel, the more likely they are to participate in, and enjoy community life; all of which leads to greater health and prosperity of local communities and environments.

Monash Council is committed to working with our community to create safe neighbourhoods and places and spaces where people feel happy and empowered to lead fulfilling lives.

Community safety is a shared responsibility of all in the Monash community. Partnerships are a key ingredient to the success of safe communities.

A safe Monash will continue to be achieved through collaborative and dynamic partnerships within our city including with business, residents, community groups, Victoria Police, emergency services, peak bodies, and Federal, State and Local governments.

Through these partnerships Monash Council will continue to identify local solutions to local issues to create a safe, strong and thriving city.\(^4\)
Purpose of the Community Safety Framework 2015 – 2020

Purpose


Monash Council adopts a whole-of-Council approach to community safety and it is a major priority, integrated across Council’s strategic plans. The purpose of the Framework is to provide high-level, strategic policy direction to inform existing and future community safety planning and activities outlined in Council’s individual strategic plans. Specific community safety actions will be found in Council’s strategic plans.

It is the intent of this Framework that Council will strive towards an integrated, whole-of-Council approach to community safety.

Through the application of this Framework it is the expectation that community safety is prioritised in all current and future Council planning, strategies and activity.

The Framework forms part of a suite of strategies under Council’s Access & Equity framework 2013 – 2017, which provides a central context to the development of strategic plans within the City of Monash.

As safety is a key determinant of health and wellbeing and is a leading public health priority of Council, the Framework is a companion document to Council’s Health & Wellbeing Partnership Plan 2013-2017.

Community Safety Priorities & Principles

The Framework provides Council and community with a strategic framework of three distinct priorities to achieve optimal levels of safety for all in the Monash community. These priorities are:

1. Community Strength and Resilience
2. Leadership
3. Prevention and Positive Solutions

The Framework will provide Council with a strong basis to plan, develop, implement and evaluate community safety policies, programs and actions across the community.

What is Community Safety?

Community Safety Definition

At present, there is not one universal definition of community safety.5 ‘Community safety’ has a number of meanings across a diverse range of international and national settings and contexts.

Governments and agencies are increasingly shifting away from a traditional sole focus on crime prevention to a more holistic view of community safety as a positive aspiration for public good.6

The World Health Organisation [WHO] describes safety as an ‘essential resource for everyday life, needed by individual and communities to realise their aspirations.’ Safety is a fundamental human right and along with shelter and food, it is considered a basic precondition for health.7
Expanding the definition, WHO identifies community safety as a ‘state in which hazards and conditions leading to physical injury, psychological or material harm are controlled in order to preserve the health and wellbeing of individuals and the community.’

Importantly, WHO identifies safety as a ‘dynamic state’ by which individuals, organisations and communities must continuously work together in collaboration to achieve a sustained, optimal level of safety. Our local environments must be carefully planned and designed to support optimal levels of safety.

To put simply, safety is a fundamental human right and a key factor in health and wellbeing. It refers to the state of being and feeling protected from threat, harm, risk or injury.

Perception vs. Actual Safety

The perception of safety and actual safety influence all aspects of our daily lives, including where we live, recreate and socialise, learn, work and participate. It influences our decision-making processes at the individual, family, community and societal level.

Perceptions of safety can be negatively influenced by media coverage of crime, especially violent and more sensationalised crime. The level of public concern about crime can determine the extent to which people engage in certain daily activities, sometimes restricting behaviour unnecessarily.

Monash Council acknowledges that the experience of and perceptions of safety will differ greatly for community members across the Monash population. Monash residents may experience and perceive safety differently depending on their age, gender, ethnicity, experience, cultural, health and disability status.

Gender and Safety

Women and men experience safety and use public spaces, community facilities and infrastructure very differently. The way that community spaces and infrastructure are designed can have significant implications for women’s perceptions of safety and, as a result, affect their participation in their local community.

Poorly maintained infrastructure, such as poor lighting, graffiti, low levels of natural surveillance, rubbish and cracked footpaths, can significantly reduce women’s perceptions and experiences of safety in their local neighbourhood. It is critical that local governments design and maintain community infrastructure and public spaces to be inclusive, safe and responsive to the needs of all community members.

Whilst it is critical to consider women’s real and perceived experiences of safety in public and community spaces, it is important to note that women are most at risk from violence in private spaces, such as homes. Violence against women is predominately perpetrated by men known to them, including their current or former partners, relatives or acquaintances. It is imperative that local governments address both experiences of safety in public spaces and work to prevent violence against women by addressing its underlying determinants.

Monash Council is a state leader among Victorian Councils in preventing violence against women and is currently implementing the globally-innovative Generating Equality and Respect Program.

Community Safety Promotion

Community safety promotion aims to increase the ability of people to go about their daily life with little fear for their own or others safety. Community engagement, social connectedness and participation in community life is more likely to occur if residents perceive their neighbourhoods to be safe.
Australian Context – Governmental Responsibilities for Community Safety

The three levels of government - Federal, State and Local - all have responsibility for creating and fostering strong and safe communities. Collaborative partnerships between governments and agencies are maintained to achieve the optimal health, wellbeing and safety of local communities.

Many safety issues and priorities in Monash are priorities reflected at a state and national level. As such, local government community safety priorities are influenced by national and state government agendas and funding opportunities, as well as locally-specific community priorities.

Federal Government

The Federal Government has responsibility for:

- Research and information dissemination through the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC);
- Development of national frameworks and implementation plans to increase safety and social cohesion through the Council of Australian Governments [COAG] including the National Community Crime Prevention Program and the National Crime Prevention Framework;
- National law enforcement, security and terrorism prevention through the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and the Australian Crime Commission (ACC) and;
- Emergency management in times of crisis.

State Government

The State Government has a central role in community safety and crime prevention by providing a range of services including policing, law enforcement, the prison system, Metropolitan and Country Fire Authorities, the justice system, ambulance, emergency management and child youth and family services.

The State Government has a key role in community safety and health and wellbeing outcomes through the provision of health services and hospitals, housing, transport, accommodation and land use planning.

The State Government is also responsible for setting legislation, guidelines and/or policy framework related to urban environment planning, community wellbeing, workplace health, individual protection and safety including multicultural policy, human rights, public health and wellbeing, road safety and mental health.

The State Government is partly funded by the Federal Government to deliver these services. Local Government is partly funded by the State and Federal governments to deliver locally-based community safety services, programs and initiatives.
Local Government

In accordance with the Local Government Act (1989) and the Public Health and Wellbeing Act (2008), a core function of Local Government is to represent the needs of the community and to improve the overall quality, health and life of the local community.\(^\text{25}\)

Local governments play an integral role in building strong and safe communities through:

- Creating safe, active, healthy and engaged environments;
- Providing a broad range of community services and programs including: social planning; public health, health promotion; environmental design; land use and zoning; waste management; provision of street lighting; public events management; local human services; and community recreational services;
- Conducting ongoing community consultation for planning, program and city development;
- Innovative urban design to create and promote safe and inviting spaces;
- Collaboration with partner agencies and community stakeholders to strengthen crime prevention and law enforcement through sharing of local knowledge and approaches;
- Research and delivery of evidence-based local programs for population health, social and safety priorities;
- Responsiveness to emerging local issues.\(^\text{26}\)

Monash Council’s active leadership in community safety

For a visual depiction of Monash Council’s leadership role in community safety refer to Appendix 1 - Monash Council Community Safety Settings, Responsibilities and Priority Areas.

To view a selection of Monash Council’s award-winning community safety and crime prevention programs refer to Appendix 2 - Spotlight on Monash Council’s innovative and award-winning community safety Initiatives.
Community Safety Partnerships

Partnerships
Council enjoys established and dynamic partnerships with a range of stakeholders within the local community as well as across the state and nationally, dedicated to securing the safety and engagement of Monash residents.

We work in close, collaborative partnerships with a range of external specialist partner agencies, organisations and peak bodies in strengthening the Monash community to be safe, welcoming, resilient and healthy.

Creating and fostering a safe community is a shared responsibility of all who live, work, study and play within the City of Monash.

For a detailed overview of Council partner agencies and safety-focused committees, refer to Appendix 3 - Monash Council community safety partnerships and committees.

Safety in the City of Monash

Perceptions of Safety – Monash population
Perceptions of safety in the City of Monash are high, with over 98% of residents reporting that they feel safe walking alone in their local area during the day. This is consistent with the Eastern Metropolitan Region and Victorian Rates. About 73% of Monash residents feel safe walking alone in their local area at night which is slightly higher than the Eastern Metropolitan Region rate of 71.6% and the Victorian rate of 70.3%.27

Perceptions of Safety by Gender – Monash
It is important to highlight that when Monash perceptions of safety data is disaggregated by gender, there is a marked difference in female and male perceptions of safety.

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Feeling safe – Monash community priority

Monash residents have identified that feeling safe is a top priority for the community. In the most recent municipal-wide planning survey Monash in Four (2013), the Monash community ranked community safety as the third most important health and wellbeing priority for the community out of seven priority areas. These health and wellbeing priorities are listed below according to community ranking:

1. Parks, Open Spaces & Tracks (53%)
2. Medical, Hospital & Dental Services (37%)
2. Feeling Safe (35%)
2. Transport (29%)
2. Having support of family and friends (27%)
2. Community Services & Facilities (23%)
3. Leisure & Recreation (23%).  

Community safety is given high priority by the community as it is considered to be fundamental to health and wellbeing and the enjoyment of community life in Monash. The Monash community identified the top three most important aspects of community safety below:

- Feeling safe is critical for enjoying the community;
- Wanting to feel safe while out walking in one’s own neighbourhood; and
- Preventing violence against women and children.

Monash Crime Statistics

Through community consultation, research and partnership collaboration, Monash Council has developed a framework with three strategic community safety priorities to guide the implementation of community safety activity in Monash over the next five years.

These priorities are:

**Priority 1:** Community Strength and Resilience

**Priority 2:** Leadership

**Priority 3:** Prevention and Positive Solutions

The purpose of the Framework is to provide high-level, strategic policy direction to inform existing and future community safety planning and activities outlined in Council’s individual strategic plans. Specific community safety actions will be found in Council’s strategic plans and in the individual action plans we will develop and implement each year. The Framework will also release a Yearly Action Plan which identifies emerging community safety priorities for action. For further details on implementation please refer to page 16.

To view individual Council strategic plans and programs that have direct alignment to the *Community Safety Framework 2015 – 2020* refer to page 17.

It is the intent of this Framework that Council will strive towards an integrated, whole-of-Council approach to community safety. Through the application of this Framework it is the expectation that community safety is prioritised in all current and future Council planning, strategies and activity.

The Monash *Community Safety Framework 2015-2020* strategic priorities are supported by principles and high-level actions.
Monash Community Safety Framework 2015 – 2020

Vision

An inviting and safe city with neighbourhoods and environments that are alive with activity; foster active community engagement and community spirit; celebrate diverse cultures; promote gender equity and create positive health and wellbeing outcomes.

PRIORITY 1 : Community Strength & Resilience

Principle 1

A safe and welcoming Monash

COUNCIL WILL:

1. Maintain a safe and welcoming Monash through the creation of environments where all people feel included and engaged, and can lead fulfilling lives.

2. Take an access and equity approach to the safety, health and wellbeing needs of all in the Monash community, inclusive of age, ability, gender, sexual orientation, social, ethnic, religious or economic background.

3. Deliver strategies, programs and services to build community safety, community engagement, social inclusion and social connections.

4. Build neighbourhoods, cultures and organisations that are gender-equitable and support a violence-free community.

5. Support the delivery of priority population and settings-based prevention initiatives to improve community safety and health and wellbeing outcomes.
PRIORITY 1: Community Strength & Resilience

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A safe and welcoming Monash

6. Implement locally-based place-management programs to capitalise on local community assets and to create public spaces that promote residents’ health, safety, happiness and wellbeing.

7. Deliver local activities, programs and events that increase social participation, community engagement and connectedness.

8. Maintain an effective and proactive approach to graffiti management through prevention, innovative solutions, education programs and removal.

9. Target and reduce anti-social behaviour in and around identified community hot spots.

10. Maintain and improve the accessibility, safety and attractiveness of public places and spaces to increase levels of safety and community engagement.

Principle 2

Positive promotion of Community Safety

COUNCIL WILL:

11. Routinely collect gender-disaggregated community safety and crime data and analyse and apply community safety and crime statistics data across all Council areas.

12. Equip the community with accurate, timely and evidence-based community safety information, to ensure residents feel empowered and safe to engage with and enjoy community life.

13. Promote positive community interactions with Victoria Police and other emergency services through Community Safety Month, community events and community safety programs.

14. Deliver community safety and crime prevention programs to increase the safety of the community and to prevent and/or respond to crime.
PRIORITY 2 : Leadership

Principle 3
Coordination, Integration and Facilitation

COUNCIL WILL:

15. Strive towards an integrated, whole-of-Council approach to community safety. Through the application of this Framework it is the expectation that community safety is prioritised in all current and future Council planning, strategies and activity.

16. Take a leadership role in integrated community safety and health promotion including community consultation, planning, policy development, program delivery, service provision, partnerships and advocacy.

17. Identify partnership and funding opportunities for prevention and early intervention initiatives in relation to community safety and the positive health and wellbeing of the Monash community.

18. Collaborate with state, regional and local partner agencies and networks to achieve community safety outcomes across Monash.

19. Develop positive and integrated solutions to respond to community safety priorities and needs.

20. In partnership with leading agencies including Victoria Police and emergency services, positively promote community safety through Community Safety Month and community safety events, programs, activities and Council communications.

Principle 4
Innovative design solutions

COUNCIL WILL:

21. Lead the way in creating safe physical, urban and natural environments through adherence to Safer Design principles including Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) where residents feel inspired to actively participate in community life and to go about their daily activities.
PRIORITY 3: Prevention & Positive Solutions

Principle 5
Prevention

COUNCIL WILL:

22. Apply for funding opportunities through the State and Federal governments to implement community safety, public safety infrastructure and crime prevention programs in partnership with Victoria Police and other leading partner agencies.

23. Take proactive action on emerging issues in partnership with key community agencies and stakeholders.

Principle 6
Positive & Evidence-Based Solutions

COUNCIL WILL:

24. Collaborate with partners and community stakeholders to develop positive and evidence-based solutions and programs to respond to community safety and crime prevention needs.

24. Regularly consult with the community to identify community safety needs and priorities through the development of Council strategies, plans and programs.

25. Ensure that community safety planning, policy and service delivery is responsive to the needs of the whole population.

26. Develop policies and strategies to support a safe, equitable and healthy Monash.

Principle 7
Evaluation

COUNCIL WILL:

27. Evaluate the impact and effectiveness of safety-focused programs and initiatives through comprehensive process and impact evaluation design and annual reporting to Council and grant funding bodies.
The **Community Safety Framework 2015 - 2020** is to be integrated across Council’s strategic plans and programs.

Each year the Framework will release a Yearly Action Plan which identifies emerging community safety priorities for action. These emerging priorities will be identified by the community, Council and key partner agencies as requiring specialised attention and will be responded to through the implementation of the Yearly Action Plan.

Individual Council strategic plans and programs that have direct alignment to the **Community Safety Framework 2015 - 2020** and include specific community safety objectives and activities are listed on the following page.

As new strategic plans develop over the next five years and current plans sun-set, strategies will be incorporated under the **Community Safety Framework 2015 – 2020**.
Monash Community Safety Framework 2015 – 2020

Implementation

Access & Equity Framework 2013 - 2017


Disability Action Plan 2013 - 2016


Early Years Plan 2013 - 2017


Environmenta l Sustainability Road Map 2011 - 2015

Gender Equity Strategy 2015 - 2020


Health & Wellbeing Partnership Plan 2013 - 2017

Liquor Licensing Policy at Council Recreation and Sporting Reserves

Monash Public Library Service Strategic Plan 2015 - 2018

Monash Responsible Gambling Strategy 2012 - 2015

Monash Walking and Cycling Strategy

Multicultural Action Plan 2013 - 2017

Road Management Plan

Youth Plan 2013 - 2016

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Evaluation

In alignment with Council’s annual June reporting cycle of Council strategies, the Health Promotion Coordinator (Community Planning & Development) will prepare a yearly evaluation report on the implementation of high-level activities which have direct alignment to the Community Safety Framework’s strategic priorities.

Annual reporting of individual Council strategies which incorporate community safety objectives and activities will be undertaken by the responsible department that has leadership for the relevant strategy.

Community safety and crime prevention programs led by Monash Council and funded through external organisations will be evaluated through rigorous evaluation program design, measuring the process and impact of the program activity.
Appendices

Appendix 1

Monash Council Community Safety Settings, Responsibilities and Priority Areas

The below graphic illustrates the breadth of Council’s community safety activity.
City Development

- Urban design and architecture
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design [CP TED]
- Car parks
- Lighting
- Public open space planning and design
- Sustainability
- Animal management
- Streetscape design
- Health and food registration
- Heatwave
- Local law enforcement

Vulnerable Priority Populations

- People from low socio-economic backgrounds
- New and emerging communities
- People with disabilities
- People in public housing
- People with mental health conditions
- Culturally and linguistically diverse groups
- Young people
- Older people

Places where people gather

- Place-making and place management
- Public festivals and events
- Open spaces
- Recreation & Aquatic Centre
- Active Reserves, Sporting Clubs and Pavilions
- Licensed premises
- Schools
- Community facilities e.g. Neighbourhood Houses and community centre
- Drug & Alcohol free events

Community, Planning & Development

- Access & Equity
- Social Policy and Programs
- Health Promotion
- Gender Equity
- Community Development
- Community Safety
- Community Grants
- Multicultural Development
- Metro Access
- Place Management

Economic Development

- Working with retail trader groups to address issues as they arise and supporting them in creating vibrant and safe centres for the community to visit

Partnerships

- Commonwealth and State Government
- Victoria Police
- Peak Bodies
- Agencies
- Local businesses
- Community stakeholders and groups

Media & Communications

- Promoting safety-related activities

Community Consultation

- Identifying and responding to the safety needs and priorities of the community
Policy, Programs & Advocacy
- Crime Prevention programs
- Preventing violence against women program
- School-based programs: mental health and anti-bullying
- Age-Friendly Monash
- Research
- Planning
- Policy
- Advocacy

Time-focused activity
- Entertainment precincts
- Night-time economies
- Public events

Planning
- Implementing safer design principles in the planning and design of buildings, amenities and facilities

Crime Prevention
- Implementing innovative crime prevention programs and solutions

Waste Services
- Graffiti prevention and removal
- Waste management

Service Provision
- Immunisation
- Maternal Child Health Services
- Children & Family Services
- Childcare Services
- Family daycare
- Home & Community Care
- Positive Ageing Lifestyle Program

Libraries
- Providing safe and welcoming community spaces dedicated to life-long learning and community engagement

Engineering Services
- Enhancing road and other transport related infrastructure ie. cycling paths, lighting upgrades and integration of safer design principles
- Street lighting

ACTIVE Communities
- Inclusive and fun, active participatory programs and sporting groups and clubs
- Recreation Centres, reserves and community facilities management

Emergency Management
- Municipal Emergency Management Plan

Emerging Issues
- Addressing race-based discrimination

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Appendix 2

Spotlight on Monash Council's innovative and award-winning community safety initiatives

Monash Council is a leader in developing and delivering innovative and award-winning community safety programs and solutions. Below are four recent examples of award-winning projects.

1. Clayton Laneway Projects 2012-2014
   - Improving safety through the built environment

(Funded through the Victorian State Government Public Infrastructure Safety Fund with a contribution from Monash Council)

The Creating Clayton’s Laneways projects used a range of measures including lighting and visual appeal to address actual and perceived safety in an important thoroughfare in Clayton. The local community and visitors are enjoying the new public space and have noticed a reduction in vandalism and associated anti-social behavior.


(Funded through the Victorian State Government Community Crime Prevention Program)

In November 2014, Monash Council won a prestigious Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Award for its groundbreaking Milk Bar Network Exchange Program. Between 2012 – 2014 Monash Council and Victoria Police worked closely with local milk bar operators to decrease their vulnerability to targeted crime and increase their skills in preventing crime and understanding the processes to report crime to police.
3. Generating Equality and Respect Program
2012 - 2015 [Preventing Violence Against Women]
(Funded by VicHealth)

The City of Monash, MonashLink Community Health Service and VicHealth are currently delivering a globally innovative, place-based program aimed at preventing violence against women. The program, Generating Equality & Respect, aims to prevent violence against women before it occurs by addressing the underlying determinants of violence against women. These determinants include a lack of equal and respectful relationships between men and women, unequal distribution of power and resources between men and women and adherence to rigid gender stereotypes.

4. Community Graffiti Solutions Project
2013 - 2014
(Funded through the Victorian State Government Community Crime Prevention Program)

Following the success of the Clayton laneways project, the Community Graffiti Solutions project was developed to address two graffiti hot spots in Monash: in Huntingdale and Glen Waverley. Following community consultation, street artists were commissioned to create two vibrant laneway murals to improve the attractiveness of the laneways and increase the public’s perception of safety.
### Appendix 3

**Monash Council community safety partnerships and committees**

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Monash Council community safety partnerships and committees

The City of Monash is generally a safe place to live, work, study and play. Over the last year (2013/2014), there was a slight increase in crime according to statistics which Victoria Police produces annually. Below is a summary of 2013/2014 Monash Crime statistics. Summaries of offences are reported per 100,000 population to enable comparisons across different areas.  

Victoria Police Crime Data – Rates per 100,000 residents July 1 2013 – June 30 2014

Crimes against the Person – Rates per 100,000 residents

Crime Prevention in Monash – Victoria Police

Victoria Police regularly advises Council that a significant proportion of crime that does occur in Monash is preventable.

Many of the crime incidences in Monash in 2013/2014 relating to theft from motor vehicles and burglary of property are considered to have been preventable. In a high proportion of these cases, cars were left unlocked with valuables visible and properties were poorly secured or unlocked with large amounts of cash and valuables on premise.  

Crimes against the Property – Rates per 100,000 residents

32 Crime Prevention in Monash – Victoria Police

33 Victoria Police Crime Data – Rates per 100,000 residents July 1 2013 – June 30 2014

34 Victoria Police Crime Data – Rates per 100,000 residents July 1 2013 – June 30 2014
Drug offences – Rates per 100,000 residents

Recorded Family Violence Incidents – Rates per 100,000 residents

Three ways to minimise the chance of crime occurring – Victoria Police

1. Increase Effort – secure and lock your motor vehicle or property to increase the effort of potential offenders.

2. Reduce Risk - park your car in visible, public areas and install an alarm system in your property.

3. Reduce Rewards – remove all personal valuables from your car and lock your car. Reduce any attraction to the contents of your car. Do not leave large amounts of cash in your property.

Know your Neighbour

Make friends with your neighbours. Not only will it enhance your social connections, it may also mean your neighbours keep an eye on your property when you are not present and can report any suspicious activity to the police.

If you see something, say something.

Be alert and if you see any suspicious behaviour, report it immediately to the police by calling ‘000’.

We can help Victoria Police to do their job, by doing our job in community safety.
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