

RV SPECIAL BULLETIN

Security and Safety

22 MARCH 2016

BREAK INS,

A break-in was reported over the weekend in Martial Eagle.

We suspect that this house was broken into around about the same time as the first breach on 16 February.

The house has been unoccupied and the last visit to this house was in mid-February. There have also been baboons in and out the house suggesting that it was broken into a while back.

We would like to put members at ease and advise them that we are taking these matters very seriously. We have adopted certain plans and are executing various operations in order to try and resolve this issue. We shall continue to do so and keep you informed.

Due to the recent increase in criminal activity in the general Hoedspruit area, it is vital that we look at all avenues to secure Raptors View and its members. While the security company does their level best, the saying "security starts at home" is key to our overall success.

Whilst we recognise that the point of residing in an estate is to be able to live in a carefree manner, we also acknowledge that we live in a country where poverty and crime is increasing daily. Unfortunately, we need to take steps in our day to day lives to secure not only our families safety but those of our assets too.

We would like to request that the following be considered and implemented by all homeowners and tenants on the estate with immediate effect.

At Home:

- Lock all doors and close all windows when leaving the house unattended
- Lock all doors and close all windows whilst sleeping
- Lock vehicles when unattended
- Do not leave items such as bicycles outside in plain view
- If leaving your house unattended for an extended period, it is always a good idea to ask RVHOA to include you on the security roving patrol roster

- Give staff as little information as possible regarding your comings and goings. Information of your house and contents can be shared with others inadvertently, and this could lead to burglaries
- Take note of contractors walking on the estate who are not on their building sites and report them to security immediately for further investigation
- Look out for any suspicious activity in your general area

Gates:

- Please have all staff who work at your home correctly registered and obtain a valid swipe card. A criminal background screening (IDECO) is completed before the card is issued and this helps RVHOA and the security company, keep track of all staff working on the estate. In the case of any incident, this is vital to the success of our investigations
- Please scan the cards of all staff entering the estate – this is the only way to keep track of who is on the estate and where they are
- If a security officer allows you or your staff access without a valid reason as set out in the estate rules – please report them to us. We will investigate the matter further

We appreciate your efforts and we remain committed to securing the estate and its members.

GENERAL SAFETY

As we go into the Easter period, there will be many visitors to the estate. Please ensure that all your visitors and house residents are aware that they are on a Wildlife Estate.

There are wild animals on the estate and extreme caution must be exercised when out and about

Some general bush rules when out and about:

Do not walk at dusk or dawn, as leopards are active then

Do not feed animals or approach them

Do not walk at night

Children should be under adult supervision