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RAC reveals worst regional suburbs for home break-ins

RAC has released its regional home burglaries analysis for 2014, highlighting the worst suburbs for home burglary claims throughout the State, according to RAC Insurance claims data.

RAC Home Claims Manager Glen Walker said Geraldton featured prominently in the top 20, while Boulder came out on top with the highest number of regional claims.

“Last year, seven of the top 20 suburbs with the highest claims came from RAC members living in Geraldton suburbs,” Mr Walker said.

“Rangeway, Spalding, Uta-Karra and Waggrakine continue to rank highly in RAC’s burglary claims analysis, which sends a clear message that more needs to be done to combat crime in those areas.

“It’s not all bad news though – Rangeway in particular appears to be making inroads, moving from the worst regional suburb in 2009 to 17th in 2014.

“Many home break-ins are opportunistic in nature. Our advice is to always lock your doors and windows, even when you’re home. Employing a range of home security measures and having a simple home alarm can also act as a big deterrent and could save you money on your insurance premium.

“Our WA lifestyle means we need to be extra vigilant in locking our front door so as not to be vulnerable to smash and grabs through the front door. Thieves can quickly enter via the front door and take anything portable within arm’s reach, including car keys, all within 30-seconds.

“Make sure you’ve got your home contents and valuables covered. And make sure you’ve got the right level of cover so in the event of a theft you aren’t left out of pocket and can replace what you’ve lost.”

Here is the complete list of worst performing regional suburbs and towns last year, based on RAC data from more than 2,500 claims:

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| 1. Boulder | 13. Bunbury |
| 2. Carey Park | Collie |
| 3. South Bunbury | 14. Moora |
| 4. Northam | 15. Withers |
| 5. Australind | Wonthella |
| 6. South Kalgoorlie | 16. Usher |
| 7. Kalgoorlie | 17. Beresford |
| 8. East Bunbury | Uta-Karra |
| 9. Dalyellup | Rangeway |
| 10. Piccadilly | 18. Esperance |
| 11. Mount Tarcoola | 19. Woorree |
| West Busselton | 20. Waggrakine |
| 12. Spalding | |

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