



## TECHNOLOGY CAN HELP KEEP YOU SAFE AT HOME!

Recently we had a situation where individuals tried to break into my 85 year old father-in-law's house at night. Initially they disabled the outdoor lighting, piled some outdoor furniture outside his back door and set it alight, all in an attempt to get him to unlock the door and go out and investigate. Fortunately, my father-in-law had the presence of mind to call my wife and I, as we live close by, and leave the doors locked. On arrival his house was full of smoke and the smoke alarm was blaring with a fire burning on his back porch. We put out the fire and made sure he was safe and reported the incident to the police. The police and fire brigade attended to make sure everything was safe and our father in law was OK. This story had a good ending with the main outcome being no one was harmed, but it left us concerned for his safety.

On exploring safety options, I installed a "Ring Doorbell" this product allows us to see, hear and speak to visitors at our father-in-law's house from anywhere. We now get real-time notifications on our phone, can customise motion settings and conveniently stay connected to his home, no matter where we are.

The footage recorded by the camera doorbell is also uploaded to a "Cloud Service" via wi-fi through your internet connection and the footage can be shared to police and or other persons. There is an ongoing cost to save your notifications of \$40 per year.

About three weeks after installing the "Ring Doorbell" my father-in-law had five youths visit his

property at 4.38am, little did they know they were being recorded until I was able to speak to them through the doorbell telling them to "leave now as police have been called".

There are other products on the market which do the same thing you can explore them online, however I found the process of setting up the Ring Doorbell to be very easy. These devices do need an internet connection and may also need to be removed for charging, some have removable batteries. SRCWA is in no way associated with Ring products.



*The fire set at the back door and the Ring Doorbell*



*Footage from the Ring Doorbell faces blurred for publication*



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