

#### **CORPORATION 20415**

#### NOTICE TO OWNERS & RESIDENTS - BUILDING & PARCEL SECURITY

As you are aware, we have experienced a number of security incidents in the building, the latest being the theft of 2 parcels from the top of the letterboxes.

The safety of our building and the security of your personal deliveries are a shared responsibility. With the increase in parcel deliveries and opportunistic thefts, we ask all occupants to remain vigilant and follow the guidelines below.

# **Building Security**

#### No Tailgating

- o Be vigilant to prevent strangers to follow you into the building.
- o In the after-hours particularly, wait around while the door closes behind you.
- Each person should use their own access card, or be admitted by security/intercom, do not use your card to swipe someone access into the building.

### • Be Aware of Your Surroundings

- o Look around and behind you before entering or exiting.
- o If someone unfamiliar is trying to enter, ask them to use the intercom or call the building caretaker, Greg Powel on 04214 109.

#### Doors & Gates

- o Do not prop open entry doors, car park gates, or fire doors.
- o Ensure all doors and gates close fully behind you.

### • Suspicious Activity

- o Report loitering or unusual behaviour to the building caretaker, Greg Powel on 0402 214 109 immediately.
- o If urgent, please call the local police on 131 444.

# **Parcel Security**

## Collect Parcels Promptly

o Retrieve your deliveries as soon as possible after receiving a delivery notification.

o Parcels left for long periods in lobbies or mailrooms (particularly after 5pm are more likely to be stolen).

## • Delivery Options

- o **Parcel Lockers**: Australia Post Parcel Lockers or courier lockers (where available) are the safest option.
- o Click & Collect: Consider having purchases sent to a store for pickup.
- Neighbour or Colleague: Arrange for someone you trust to accept or collect your delivery if you will not be home.

## • Safe Delivery Instructions

- Avoid asking couriers to "leave at the door" or in unsecured common areas.
- Where possible, request **signature-on-delivery** especially for high-value items.
- Use "deliver to post office" or "deliver to parcel collection point" options if available.

### • Beware of "Leave Parcel" Option

- o Only select this if you are certain you will be home.
- o Unattended parcels in lobbies, foyers, or doorsteps are a major target for theft.
- o Consider having your parcels delivered to a parcel box.
- o Parcels left in common areas are the responsibility of the recipient.

## • Large or Bulky Items

- Where possible, schedule delivery for when you are home.
- Ask couriers to contact you on arrival rather than leaving items unsecured.

# Personal Safety & Community Responsibility

# • Challenge Politely

If someone unfamiliar attempts to enter behind you, kindly ask them to use the intercom or show their access pass.

#### • Help Each Other

- o If you see a neighbour's parcel left unattended, let them know immediately.
- o Consider forming a parcel buddy system with neighbours to collect items when one is away.

## Stay Informed

- o Subscribe to building updates from building management.
- Share security concerns with building management so improvements can be made this can be done via the RITZ 88 website.

# **Working Together**

By taking small steps - collecting parcels quickly, refusing entry to unknown persons (when you feel safe to do so), and choosing secure delivery options - we can all help maintain a safe and secure environment for everyone in the building.

Thank you for your cooperation and vigilance.

Sincerely,

## **Management Committee**