

Series introduction

Crime, as we are all aware, has been a growing problem throughout Australia, especially in recent years. However, we are not powerless against crime. Much is being done, and a lot more can be done, to reverse the trend.

The Australian Institute of Criminology is committed to helping the community to which it belongs. This commitment is demonstrated by this series of booklets dedicated to crime prevention.

The series is written in everyday language and, hopefully, will provide the information that is needed to prevent crime before it is committed. *Missing Children* is already available. Others in the series will cover the prevention of armed robbery, the prevention of shoplifting and the prevention of vandalism and graffiti. Where the knowledge exists on how to lessen a crime, the Australian Institute of Criminology will put it to work in the service of the community.

With this series, we bring the focus of our knowledge of crime fairly and squarely into the public arena. With community help, the future might see less crime and the distress it brings in our society.

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