



LAPTOP THEFT STATISTICS & TIPS

While the information below demonstrates the high risk of theft, it is worth noting that based on our claims database for the last 10 years, laptops are much more likely to suffer from accidental damage than from theft. So insuring against both theft and accidental damage is a good idea.

AUSTRALIAN COMPUTER CRIME AND SECURITY SURVEY 2006 (AUSCERT)

It has been estimated that at least 50,000 laptops are stolen each year in Australia – that's one every 10 minutes! Each year AusCert¹ carries out an in depth survey into computer crime and security. In 2006 the 389 survey respondents represented over 17 different industry sectors, plus local, state and federal government sectors.

KEY STATISTICS

Auscert¹ identified these statistics for respondents in the 12 months prior to the survey:

EQUIPMENT TYPE STOLEN	% SUFFERING FINANCIAL LOSS	\$ VALUE LOST
Laptops	69%	\$15,966
Other Computer Equipment	24%	\$13,048
Handheld Computers	10%	\$18,716

¹ 2006 Australian Computer Crime and Security Survey

SECURITY

Across most categories, there was a reduction in the reported use of security technologies, security policies and procedures, IT security standards and IT qualifications and training compared to 2004 and 2005.

The need to change users' attitudes and behaviour regarding computer security practices was again the most common challenge cited by 60% of organisations in 2006.

Only 10% of all survey respondents thought they were managing all aspects of computer security reasonable well.

PROTECSURE RECOMMENDED TIPS

Based on our experience of over 45,000 claims since 1990, here are a few tips for reducing the risk of laptop theft:

- ★ Never leave mobile equipment in an unlocked car, even for a few minutes
- ★ Even in a locked car, keep the equipment out of sight, preferably in the boot
- ★ In the office - after hours, either lock it in a cabinet/to the desk or take it home with you
- ★ Be careful with laptop carry bags - everyone knows what's inside
- ★ Don't leave equipment unattended, even for a short time
- ★ When travelling always take the laptop with you as hand luggage
- ★ Take extreme care in hotels, airport lounges and conference venues - thieves target places such as these

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