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Posties' Union reminder to keep your pooches and your posties safe

The Union representing posties across the country is urging residents to do more to protect both their dogs and their local Australia Post worker, with almost 1 dog attack a day on posties across the nation.

National Secretary of the CEPU Communications Union, Greg Rayner, urges:

"With 241 dog attacks on Australia Post workers in 2016, the threat to local posties' safety is still significant and must continue to be reduced.

"While Australia Post provides training for workers to educate them on canine behaviour, we need the community's help too.

"Nationally, the rates of attacks have declined since Australia Post ran its national dog safety campaign in 2015, which means we are slowly getting better, but in Western Australia, rates of attack are still on the rise.

"We just want to remind residents across Australia that there are still many posties getting attacked by dogs every week, and there are ways our community can help protect their local posties from these attacks."

The rise of online ordering means that posties are more and more delivering to customers' doors, increasing the risk of getting attacked from dogs jumping the fence or escaping through the front door.

The Union will continue to monitor the rates of dog attacks to its members and undertake all necessary actions to ensure worker safety when delivering parcels.

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