



Vehicle Theft Prevention

Key Crime Prevention Tips

- Remove all valuable items when you leave your car
- Lock all doors and close all windows before leaving your car.
- Park your car in a well-lit and secure area.

Commonly Stolen Items

- Money, wallets, credit cards.
- Tools and power tools.
- Computers, mobile phones, cameras, GPS and other electronic devices, Handbags, jewellery, sunglasses.

In The Event of Theft

- If your valuables have been stolen from your car, report the theft to police.

Preventing Thefts from Motor Vehicles

Thefts from cars occur often due to valuables being left in plain sight or doors and window being left unlocked. Thefts can occur at any time, so it is important not to present an easy opportunity to thieves.

In order to steal, thieves will smash a car window or break locks, and the cost of repairs may exceed the value of the stolen items. Follow these simple steps to help reduce the risk of thefts.

Checklist

- Remove all Valuables
- Do not leave any valuables in your vehicles. Take them with you if possible.
- If you must leave valuables in your car-place them in your boot without being seen.
- Remove GPS units and wipe the suction mark off the window.
- Do not leave personal documents such as your registration or drivers licence in your car. These items contain your home address.
- Do not leave house keys or garage door openers in your car-they may be stolen and used in home burglaries.

Lock up

- Lock your car - always physically check it is locked, even when parking at home or just leaving your car for a moment.
- Close all windows-including sunroof.
- Tradespeople-lock external tool boxes and equipment if they can't be removed.

Secure Your Car

- Park in a locked garage if possible
- Park off the street in your driveway if you don't have a garage.
- Park in a well-lit area - thieves do not want to be caught breaking into cars, so increase the risk that others will detect them.
- Install a car alarm