

top tips to keeping your vehicle safe

- 1 Always lock your vehicle whenever you leave it even if only for a minute.
- 1 Physically check the doors are locked if you have central locking. Don't lock it whilst walking away. Make sure the indicators flash when you activate the key remote.
- 1 Ensure all windows and the sun roof are closed.
- 1 Do not leave anything on view within the vehicle, take items with you.
- 1 Before arriving at your destination, put any items to be left in the boot and switch off devices. This prevents thieves seeing this.
- 1 Take removable stereos and sat nav equipment with you.
- 1 Never store your vehicle documents within the vehicle.
- 1 Fitting an approved immobiliser or steering lock can help secure vehicles.
- 1 Use secure (theft resistant) number plates, making the plates less attractive to thieves.
- 1 Ensure your fuel cap is locked and secure.
- 1 If you think fuel could have been siphoned from another vehicle, call the police.

parking your car

Where you park can make a difference to your vehicle and belongings. Always try and park in an attended car park. Look out for a public car park which is part of the police approved Park Mark scheme and displays the Park Mark sign.

- 1 When parking in the street always try and park in a well lit open space.
- 1 Tuck in wing mirrors and put the aerial down to deter vandals.
- 1 When parking at home, always use your garage if you have one and lock both the doors to your vehicle and your garage.
- 1 If you don't have a garage, park your car where it can be seen.

Vehicle Alarms ...

- 1 Ensure your vehicle alarm is in working order. Alarms can deter thieves not only from stealing your vehicle, but also from taking items from it.

key security

- 1 Keep your car keys in a safe place, even in the house, so that someone breaking into your house cannot steal your car too.
- 1 If possible keep keys for any steering lock or immobilisers separate from car keys.
- 1 When out and about, do not leave your keys lying around for people to steal.
- 1 Ensure spare car keys are kept secure, if possible in a safe appropriately secured to the fabric of the building.
- 1 **Take your keys to bed** at the end of the night!



Thieves like
CRAVED belongings:

Concealable
Removable
Available
Valuable
Enjoyable and
Disposable

CRAVED belongings are, small items of high value like jewellery, digital technology, cash and cards.

Don't leave anything on display. Even an old coat or plastic bag can be a tempting target for a thief.

Marking or inscribing your belongings clearly and permanently may prevent theft. Professional marking products can be found on the website www.securedbydesign.com

Useful contacts

Free crime prevention and personal safety advice is available from:

Police Scotland

w: www.scotland.police.uk

Prevention, Interventions & Partnership Department

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Safer Parking

Quality management

Good Lighting

Effective surveillance

Clean Environment

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