

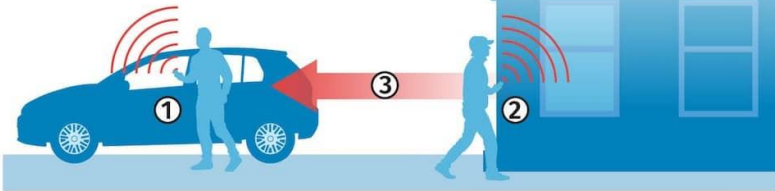


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KEYLESS CAR THEFT, ALSO KNOWN AS RELAY THEFT. ARE YOU PREPARED TO PROTECT YOUR VEHICLE?

## How keyless theft works

- ① Thief stands by car with relay box
- ② Second thief stands near house with another relay box, to boost signal from car key indoors
- ③ Signal is sent back to the box next to car; the car thinks the key is close by and unlocks the vehicle



Keyless vehicle theft or 'relay-theft' is when a device is used to fool the vehicle into thinking the key is close by. This unlocks the vehicle and starts the ignition.

Thieves only need to be within a few metres of your vehicle key to capture the signal, even if it's inside your home. This means that even if your vehicle and home are secure, thieves can still unlock, start and steal it without gaining access to your keys.



**DON'T BE CARELESS IF YOUR VEHICLE IS KEYLESS.**

**REMEMBER, IT CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE.**

**PROTECTION AND PREVENTION.**

### Think

**Faraday Pouches** – Signal blocking pouches are effective; the metal lining inserts prevent thieves from intercepting your vehicle's signal.

**Steering Wheel Lock** – The good old-fashioned way of preventing relay theft, use it.

**Check your vehicle manufacturer manual** - Can the fob be switched off? Where possible, ensure the fob is switched off every night when your vehicle is most vulnerable to keyless entry theft.

**Driveway Protection** - Motion lights, CCTV, bollards. If you have a garage, use it. Keep your vehicle out of sight.

**Home Protection** - Don't leave key fobs dangling near windows or doors, keep them in a signal blocking box or faraday pouch. The further the fob, the harder the job. Don't make it easy for a thief.

**Look to upgrade your cylinder locks** – Enhance protection for your doors from snapping and drilling. Make life difficult for thieves.



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