

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE



HOW TO AVOID BECOMING A VICTIM OF KEYLESS VEHICLE THEFT

DOES YOUR VEHICLE HAVE KEYLESS ENTRY AND IGNITION?

Keyless vehicle entry system is convenient for drivers, but can be exploited by criminals using electronic signal relay devices that allow vehicles to be accessed and stolen from outside the owner's home.

The good news is there are steps you can take to reduce the chances of your keyless vehicle being targeted.

REMEMBER THE BASICS

Store your keys away from doors, windows or any place it can be seen or easily located. Putting your key fob (including spares) in a metal box, fridge or microwave to block the signal is a cost-effective way to defeat the criminals.

USE A SIGNAL BLOCKING BAG

Invest in a faraday bag - they are lined with metal material and can block the key's signal. Test the wallet by placing the key inside and approaching your car to ensure the vehicle does not unlock when you stand next to it.

INVEST IN A TRACKING DEVICE

A tracking device won't stop your vehicle being stolen, but it can significantly increase the chances of police locating and returning a vehicle to the rightful owner.

SWITCH OFF YOUR KEY

Can your vehicle entry fob be switched off? Turn this off each night when you've finished using your vehicle. If unsure if you have this facility, contact your car dealer for more information.

ADD ADDITIONAL BARRIERS

A steering or wheel lock can be enough of a deterrent to persuade a thief to look elsewhere. Other considerations include driveway security such as a parking post or CCTV.

JOIN YOUR LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Car theft typically occurs in residential areas during the night. Talking to your neighbours can help your community be alert to anyone behaving suspiciously.

GENERAL ADVICE

- Don't take your keys to bed with you, leave them downstairs. Do not put yourself or a family member at risk.
- If you have a garage, use it.
- Fit tamper proof screws to prevent number plate theft.
- Contact your car dealer and check if there have been updates to the vehicle's digital software. The latest software version available can help ensure the vehicle is more secure.
- Stay vigilant. If you notice anything unusual in your community, report it to the police via the LiveChat facility on the GMP website or call 101. Always call 999 in an emergency.