Every winter, cars are stolen from driveways across the West Midlands because owners leave them unattended, keys in the ignition, while they warm up and the windscreens defrost.

Some victims nip inside for just a few seconds to collect a bag or finish the last mouthful of coffee - but that's all the time an opportunist thief needs.

Insurance companies may not pay out for cars stolen in this way - and if your house keys are taken as well, you're making your home vulnerable.

Freeze out car thieves on frosty mornings:

- Clear windscreens with de-icer and a scraper
- Sit in your vehicle while the heater de-mists the windscreen

If you see anyone acting suspiciously, call

101

and ask for your local police station.
And if you see a crime being committed
call 999

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Cars left unattended to warm up give out a clear message...



Don't make your car cosy for criminals