

ADVICE

VEHICLE SECURITY



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DON'T LET THIEVES GET AN EASY RIDE.

These simple rules will help protect your vehicle from thieves.

- Don't leave valuables on show in your car, any belongings should be kept and covered in a locked boot.
- Keep your car locked when you're returning the trolley or chatting to someone in the car park, it's too easy for someone to open a door and reach inside.
- Try to use a Park Mark accredited parking facility, these car parks are designed and managed to prevent car crime.
- If you use a Sat Nav, GPS navigation or smart phone carrier, unless built into the dashboard, always remove it from the vehicle when unattended and clean off the residual circles on the windscreen.
- Keep your car and house keys in a secure place away from windows and doors.
- Keep your keys or Keyless entry fob in a tin at home at least 5 metres away from a door or window or faraday pouch in your pocket – thieves can access the fob signal. This signal can be copied and used to drive away from the location.
- When away from the home, keep your keys with you at all times.
- Remove and hide spare keys affording them the same tin or faraday pouch security.
- Additional security measures can include steering locks, car alarms and tracking devices
- Always check that the vehicle is locked (try the handles to ensure this is the case) don't rely on the flashing lights.
- Ensure that you have theft resistant number plate fixings
- Register your car and all its contents with Immobilise.com, a free registration service.
- To stop people reaching into your car at road junctions, keep the doors locked and the windows closed.
- Fitting a catalytic converter clamp, having it security marked or welding the converter in place will prevent its theft.
- The AA and the RAC offer comprehensive advice and vehicle checks for anyone looking to buy a new or used vehicle.