

Protecting your vehicle from theft



Five top tips to keep your motors safe and secure



1. Always lock your car and close all windows, even if it's just parked in your driveway. Double check it's locked before you walk away.



2. When at home, keep your car keys away from doors and windows. If you have a keyless car, get into the habit of keeping your keys, including your spare one, away from your vehicle and preferably in a signal-blocking pouch like a faraday bag - thieves can hijack the signal from a keyless fob, using it to unlock and start a parked car.



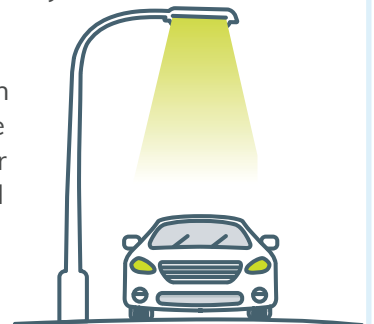
3. Never leave your vehicle unattended with the keys inside, even if it's just for a short period of time, and hide potentially attractive items such as bags or tech devices.



4. If you can, invest in a car alarm system and good in-car security gear, such as steering wheel locks and wheel clamps, to help put off potential thieves. Fitting a GPS tracker is also a good idea, so if the worst happens you'll be more likely to recover your vehicle.



5. Avoid parking in dark or deserted areas - always park close to other vehicles, preferably near a street light and in areas covered by CCTV. At home, park in a locked garage or shed, otherwise a driveway if you can. This goes for motorcycles too. If you must park it outside, use a disc lock and chain it to an immovable object like a lamp post, railing or a ground anchor, and cover it to make it less attractive to potential thieves.



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