



HELP YOURSELF!

DON'T INVITE CRIME

PREVENTING THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Car thieves may be either opportunistic or professional. In either case stolen vehicles may be used to commit further offences and be damaged, destroyed or never recovered.

Most car thefts occur in or around private residences, so it is important to take steps to protect your car even when it is parked in a garage, driveway or on a residential street.

Checklist

Lock Up

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Lock your car – always physically check it is locked, even when parking at home or just leaving your car for a moment

Close all windows - including sunroof

Keep your car locked while driving

Secure Your Car

Park your car in a locked garage if possible

Park off the street in your driveway if you don't have a garage

Park in a well lit area to increase the risk that others will detect thieves

Install an engine immobiliser and car alarm if they are not already fitted

Consider using a steering wheel lock – particularly for older vehicles

Consider installing a bonnet lock

Install a GPS tracking device for rare and expensive cars

Key Crime Prevention Tips

- **Lock** all doors and close all windows
- **Park** in a well-lit and secure area
- **Secure** your keys and never leave them in your car
- **Install** anti-theft devices and ensure they are working.

Key Security

In many cases of car theft, keys have been left in the ignition.

- Never leave your keys in your car
- Do not put your name and address on any keys – use a mobile phone number
- Keep spare car keys in a secure place at home or at work.

If Your Car Has Been Stolen

- Report the theft to police or call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency
- Notify your insurance company immediately.

If you require immediate police attendance, call police on Triple Zero (000)
If you have any information regarding a crime, call Crime Stoppers on
1800 333 000

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