

# VEHICLE THEFT

## PRACTICAL TIPS TO REDUCE VEHICLE THEFT AT HOME AND IN PUBLIC



### LOCK & DOUBLE CHECK

Don't rely on your key fob to lock your car. Thieves can use 'jammers' to intercept the signal, leaving the vehicle unlocked and vulnerable to theft. Take the time to double check each door and the boot (trunk) to make sure your vehicle is secure.



### DEVICES TO DETER

Most modern vehicles will come with a factory fitted immobiliser, but adding a Thatcham-approved car alarm can reduce the risk of vehicle theft. If you have no vehicle security at all, make fitting an immobiliser a top priority. Consider investing in a sturdy lock for the steering wheel, pedals or gearstick.



### KEYS

Don't leave your keys by the door, in bags downstairs or in the hallway. Thieves will either go "letterbox fishing" or they will try the back door because so many people leave them unlocked or open. Keep your house and keys secure - lock your doors and windows!



### PARKING

Park in well-lit, public areas. Try to use security patrolled car parks and/or covered by CCTV. Turn your wheels in towards the kerb or another vehicle as it's harder for thieves to move. If you have a driveway at home, use it. Thieves will be less inclined when they have to come close to your house.



### KEYLESS ENTRY

Keyless entry vehicles are more likely to be stolen. Thieves intercept the signal from the fob within your home to unlock your vehicle. Don't leave your keys near the front door! Consider investing in a 'Faraday pouch' as a cheap and easy way of preventing signal interception to keep your keys secure.



### PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Never leave items on show, such as phone leads, briefcases, handbags, sat nav holders and paperwork. Remember, portable sat navs can leave a mark on the screen and if you don't wipe the screen it's more obvious that you could have one in the car.