

Thieves will look for easy opportunities to steal your vehicle, don't make it easy for them.

- Always double check your windows and doors are closed and locked every time you leave your vehicle, even if you're only gone for a few minutes. Thieves will often try door handles on the off chance that they are unlocked.
- Set the steering lock if your vehicle is fitted with one. If not, use an individual bar type steering lock.
- Consider using a gear stick lock and fitting an alarm or immobiliser if your vehicle does not have one.

Thieves are often using more sophisticated methods to steal vehicles with electronic keys:

- Thieves can use equipment to scan for your electronic key and create a blank key that they can use to steal your vehicle.
- When not in use keep your electronic key in a security pouch, which prevents the key from being scanned by thieves.
- Thieves will often burgle houses to steal vehicle keys. Keep yours safe and avoid obvious storage places such as hallways and kitchens.
- If you don't have one, consider fitting a tracking device to your vehicle to help recover it if stolen.

Parking

- If you have a garage at home, use it. If you don't, try to park in a well-lit open place.
- Use public car parks that are part of the police approved 'Park Mark' Safer Parking Scheme.

For more information on how to keep your car secure and other crime prevention tips, visit www.met.police.uk/crimeprevention.

In an emergency dial 999. For all other police related enquiries call our non-emergency number 101 or visit our website www.met.police.uk

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PROTECT YOUR VEHICLE FROM BEING STOLEN

CRIMINALS ARE USING BOTH SIMPLE AND SOPHISTICATED METHODS TO STEAL MOTOR VEHICLES. HELP PREVENT YOUR VEHICLE FROM BEING TARGETED BY THIEVES.



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