



Preventing theft from motor vehicles

Key crime prevention tips

- Remove all valuable items.
- Lock all doors and close all windows.
- Park in a well-lit and secure area.

Theft prevention checklist

Remove all valuable items:

- Do not leave any valuables in your vehicles. If you must leave valuables in your car, secure them out of sight in the boot or a locked glove box.
- Remove GPS and dash cam units. Wipe the suction mark off the window.
- Do not leave documents in your car – your address may be used to locate your home and break into your car or home later. Documents might be used to steal your identity.
- Do not leave house keys or garage door openers in your car – they may be used in home burglaries.
- Install anti-theft screws on number plates.

Lock all doors and close all windows:

- Install a car alarm.
- Lock your car, even when parking at home or leaving your car for a moment.
- Close all windows, including the sunroof.
- Lock external toolboxes and equipment, if they can't be removed.

Park in a well-lit and secure area:

- Park off the street. A locked garage is best or a driveway if you don't have a garage.

- If parked in a driveway, consider the installation of a sensor light and CCTV.
- If you need to park on the street, park in a well-lit area.

My car has been broken into, what next?

- Do not confront the thief. Your safety is more important than your possessions.
- Do not touch anything.
- Call your insurance company.

Report it:

- For emergencies, to report a crime in progress, or for immediate police attendance, call Triple Zero (000).
- For non-emergencies, call the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 or report online at www.police.vic.gov.au/police-assistance-line-and-online-reporting.

**For more information,
visit police.vic.gov.au/your-safety**