



Preventing theft of motor vehicles

Key crime prevention tips

- Lock all doors and close all windows.
- Secure your keys.
- Park in a well-lit and secure area.

Theft prevention checklist

Lock all doors and close all windows:

- Lock your car, even when parking at home, in your garage, or leaving your car for a moment.
- Never leave your car running when unattended.
- Close all windows, including the sunroof.
- Keep your car locked while driving.
- Install a car alarm.
- Install anti-theft devices such as an alarm, engine immobiliser, steering wheel brake lock, a wheel lock or a GPS tracker.
- Installing a bonnet lock.

Secure your keys:

- 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.

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 stolen, what next?

- Do not confront the thief. Your safety is more important than your possessions.
- 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.
- You will need the following information:
 - registration number and state registered
 - vehicle make, model, year, body type and transmission (automatic or manual)
 - colour of body and upholstery
 - engine and VIN number
 - accessories fitted (for example, radio/speakers, anti-theft devices, LPG tank).

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