



Secure your tools

Key crime prevention tips

- Remove or secure valuable items.
- Lock all doors and close all windows.
- Park in a well-lit and secure area.
- Inventory and mark your tools.

Theft prevention checklist

Remove or secure valuable items

- If possible, do not leave any valuables in your vehicles.
- If you must leave valuables in your car, place out of sight in the boot, glove box or toolbox.
- Fix toolboxes to the tray of utes or the floor of vans.
- Lock all toolboxes with a visible lock; visible locks can be a deterrent.
- Install an alarm on toolboxes affixed to ute trays.
- 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.

Lock all doors and close all windows

- Install a car alarm.
- Lock your vehicle when it is unattended, even at work sites.
- 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.

Inventory and mark your tools

- Record serial/model numbers and photograph your tools.
- Mark your tools with 'V' followed by your driver's licence number i.e. V123456.

What to do if your tools have been stolen

- 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**