

Vehicle Crime



Leave it on show - Expect it to go !

- Never leave anything on display in your vehicle. Even just loose change can attract the opportunist thief.
- Take your satnav with you and remove the cradle (remembering to wipe any windscreen marks also)
- Close all windows (including the sunroof) and take all you belongings with you, or at least lock them in the boot or glove compartment.
- Lock your car at all times even if you are only leaving it for a second.

Older vehicles are more vulnerable

- Fitting an immobiliser or a car alarm can reduce your chances of being broken into.

Bluetooth devices

- Just because electronic devices are out of sight doesn't mean they can be seen. Make sure that all devices that have bluetooth are switched off.

Number Plate Theft

- Fit anti-theft or tamperproof screws to make them more difficult to remove.

Extra measures at home.

Modern cars are increasingly difficult to break into and car thieves prefer to have the keys. Some may try and break into your home just to get your car keys.

- Hide your keys in a drawer and don't leave them on a hook or by the front door.
- If you have a garage, park in it overnight.

Parking your vehicle in a well lit area can also be a good deterrent.

- Consider fitting a security light with a PIR sensor, to cover the area where you regularly park your car.
- Fitting a good CCTV system will not only deter but also provide evidence of attempts made.

Away from home

Where you park can make a big difference to the safety of your car and your belongings. Look out for car parks approved by the police Safer Parking scheme. You can find them by looking for their distinctive 'Park Mark' signs.

Further information and support

www.cambs.police.uk - for further advice on crime. Also use as an alternative to 101 for reporting to the police.

www.immobilise.com - register your valuables to help get them returned if lost or stolen.

www.parkmark.co.uk - information about the safer parking scheme