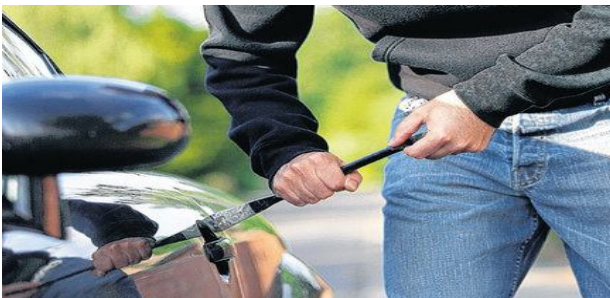


**RECENTLY CAR
THIEVES HAVE BEEN
ACTIVE IN YOUR
AREA AND IT IS
POSSIBLE THEY WILL
STRIKE AGAIN.**

**This brochure provides
advice on reporting
suspicious behaviour to
the police and what details
to take note of.**

**You know what is and
isn't suspicious in your
neighbourhood.**

**If you see something
suspicious please report it!**



Emergency	999
Non Emergency	101
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**Crime
Prevention
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CAR THIEVES

**CAR THIEVES HAVE
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**READ ON TO FIND
OUT HOW YOU CAN
PROTECT YOUR
MOTOR VEHICLE
AND YOUR
VALUABLES.**



TOTAL POLICING

SAFETY CHECKLIST

Use this check list on vehicle safety. The more boxes you can tick “YES” to the harder you are making it for thieves.

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| • Is your vehicle locked? | Y | N |
| • Is your vehicle in a well lit area? | Y | N |
| • Are your windows closed? | Y | N |
| • Do you have an immobiliser or alarm fitted? | Y | N |
| • Does your vehicle have deadlocks? | Y | N |
| • Can you keep your vehicle in a garage or on a drive? | Y | N |
| • Do you remove valuables from your car? | Y | N |
| • Do you record serial numbers? | Y | N |
| • Do you keep your car keys safe whilst at home? | Y | N |
| • Have you fitted anti Theft Number plate screws?? | Y | N |

How to keep your vehicle Safe: The Basics

Always

1 Close the windows and sunroof; lock the doors and activate any security devices when leaving your car unattended, even if it's for a few minutes.

2 Keep your car keys safe when at home – many cars are stolen following a house break in. Don't leave your keys in an obvious place, for example the kitchen or hall table and be aware that keys can be stolen through the letterbox.

3 Park with care. Try to park in a busy, well-lit area, close to CCTV cameras particularly at night or if leaving the vehicle for a long time. Try to use police approved car parks (those displaying the 'ParkMarkTM' logo). For your nearest approved car park go to www.saferparking.com.

4 Ensure your garage is as secure as possible using British Standard 5-lever mortice locks and bolts for side and rear doors. Metal up and over doors can be secured with purpose made locks fitted to either side, to prevent leverage. Wooden double doors can be secured with heavy hasps and staples and closed shackle padlocks.

Never

1 Leave cash, credit cards, chequebooks, mobile phones or other valuables in the car. A jacket or bag left on show could tempt a thief. Ideally, place all items of value in the boot of your car before the start of your journey.

2 Leave your keys in the car, even for a second – treat them as you would your cash and credit cards. Do not leave correspondence with details of your home address in your vehicle.

3 Leave your belongings where they can be seen.

4 Leave your vehicle documents inside the car. Hide them at home and not in an obvious place.

When reporting suspicious behaviour to the police please tell us; the date and time of the suspicious activity, any vehicles that may be involved e.g. registration number, type, make, model, colour and any distinguishing features (damage, logos or stickers).

When reporting suspicious people please tell us; their gender, age and what they look like (hair, colour, facial features, etc) and clothing.