

Vehicle Security



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Top Tips

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Avoid keeping valuables in a vehicle

Always lock all doors & shut windows whenever the vehicle is unattended

Physically check doors are locked

Always set your alarm/immobilizer and act if you hear any alarm sounding

Park in a garage or secure, well-lit area covered by CCTV

Ensure your fuel tank is locked

Use a physical security device such as a steering lock

For a keyless entry vehicle, store the fob in faraday pouch

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Whether your car or van is old or new, it still has value to a thief. Either the contents or the vehicle can be the target so it is important that you take steps to secure the vehicle and remove contents.

Don't leave ANY item on display

Thieves will force entry to a vehicle if they can see items like shopping or sports bags in case, they contain valuable items inside. They may check to see if your sunglasses are designer.



A charging cable or device holder mark on the windscreen may indicate that the device is hidden in the vehicle.

The damage and inconvenience caused breaking into the vehicle can be significantly more than the value of the item stolen.

Avoid keeping valuables in your vehicle

Wallets/purses, documents, cash, mobile devices and spare house or car keys are all items frequently stolen from vehicles.

Take all your belongings with you when you leave the car. If it is absolutely unavoidable, then lock them in the boot out of sight before you reach your destination.

Always lock all doors and shut windows whenever the vehicle is unattended

Do this even if you only leave vehicle for a few moments, for example at a fuel station.



Always ensure your car is locked on your drive at home.

Physically check the doors are locked

Try the handles before you leave the vehicle to ensure that the remote locking device has worked properly.



Get any faults with the locking system repaired immediately.

Always set your alarm/immobilizer and act if you hear any alarm sounding

Thieves will activate an alarm to check if there is any response. If not, they may return.

If you hear an alarm sounding, check without putting yourself at risk. If you think a crime is in progress or about to happen, call police immediately on 999.

Park in a garage or secure well-lit area covered by CCTV

A garage or secure compound provides an extra layer of security for a vehicle. It also means that a thief cannot see your vehicle which will reduce the risk of opportunist crime.

If you have a drive but no garage, consider installing a vehicle bollard.

Thieves don't like to be seen so install good dusk to dawn lighting at home.

When you must park away from home, choose somewhere well-lit and subject to natural and/or formal (CCTV) surveillance. For details of approved car parks see [Car Park Finder \(parkmark.co.uk\)](https://www.parkmark.co.uk)



Ensure your fuel tank is locked

Engaging the central locking of most cars will ensure that the fuel tank is also locked. If not, invest in a locking fuel cap.

Parking your vehicle against a wall or another vehicle will make access to the fuel tank more difficult.

Use a physical security device such as a steering lock

After market devices such as steering wheel locks, locking wheel nuts, will add an extra layer of security to your vehicle. They are also an obvious sign to a thief that security is taken seriously.



For details of police preferred specification products please see [Accredited Product Search \(securedbydesign.com\)](https://www.securedbydesign.com) or [Sold Secure Approved Product Search - Sold](#)

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You may also wish to consider installing a tracking device to your vehicle to assist in recovering it if stolen [Secured by Design](#)

For a keyless entry vehicle, store the fob in a Faraday pouch

Keyless entry car fobs or cards work by emitting a signal that the vehicle detects when it's a few feet away, allowing you to unlock the doors and start the engine. Thieves can exploit this wireless technology if the vehicle is parked close enough to where the key is. Storing the keys in a faraday pouch will block the signal from your key.



You can also check with your local car dealer to see if the keyless entry fob can be turned off when not in use. They may also be able to advise if there are any security software updates you can install.

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