

Norfolk & Suffolk Crime Prevention

Guidance Note

Vehicle Security



Many of us overlook the importance of vehicle security. However, the valuables inside your car and the ease with which they can be stolen can make your vehicle a prime target for criminals.

Thieves break into cars when they see mobile phones, laptop computers, sat navs, cash, credit cards, cheque books and/or other items that take their fancy. But you can stop them by following a few simple steps.

- Do not leave anything on display in your car, thieves can sometimes mistake them for valuables and the damage they can do to the car to get in can be costly.
- Take all your belongings with you when you leave the car. If you cannot, then lock them in the boot out of sight.
- CD Players and Stereos – remove them if you can, get them security marked and keep a note of serial numbers.
- Sat Navs – remove unit and holder from windscreen, wipe the residue circle from the screen (this could indicate to a thief you have hidden the unit in the car).
- Keep your keys safe.
- Fit security devices - electronic immobiliser, mechanical immobiliser, locking wheel nuts, vehicle alarm.

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- Etching - have your vehicles registration number etched onto all glass surfaces on the vehicle.
- Security Marking - consider marking all your valuables, especially those that you frequently take in your car. Mark them with your postcode or other unique identification (SmartWater or Selecta DNA are both suitable and accredited products).
- Doors and Windows - lock all doors; close all windows and the sunroof every time you leave your car, even if it is just for a few minutes.
- Parking - use your garage and always lock it as well as your car. If you do not have a garage, try to park in a well-lit place or somewhere that is overlooked.
- When you park your car away from home, try to avoid places that are unattended, have easy access and are concealed from public view.

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