

CAR KEY BURGLARIES and vehicle crime



Over the past few weeks, there has been a considerable increase in the number of burglaries where the target has been vehicle keys. Please note the Police advisory below to help protect your property.

Unfortunately, there are some people still falling victims to vehicle crime. The Police encourage car owners to consider the following crime prevention advice:

1. Always keep your car locked, closing both the windows and sunroof - even if you are only leaving the vehicle for a few moments.
2. Always remove all items from your vehicle when parked; even an old coat may be enough to tempt a thief.
3. Ensure when removing your sat nav that the cradle and suction pad are also removed and any suction marks are wiped away.
4. Store your car in your garage - keep both the car and garage locked and secure.
5. If you do not have a garage, park on your driveway or in well-lit areas that are overlooked.
6. If you park on the street, tuck in wing mirrors and put the aerial down to avoid criminal damage to your vehicle.
7. When using public car parks try to look for a public car park that is part of the police approved safer parking scheme and displays the Park Mark® brand
8. Never leave keys in the ignition - it only takes a few seconds for a thief to jump into your car and drive away.
9. When at home always keep your car keys in a safe place, out of sight and reach from doors, windows and letterboxes.

Owners of prestige cars in particular can fall prey to car key burglaries - simply putting your keys away securely can prevent a lot of hassle.

Following these simple crime prevention steps can help remove opportunities for offenders, and prevent you from falling victim of car crime.

It is important to ensure you can easily find your house keys to escape in the event of a fire.

For further advice please call 03000 111 222 and ask to speak to your local crime prevention officer.

If you see a crime being committed - call 999