

Protect your car

Relying on the convenience of a car is something most of us take for granted. However, if your car or contents were stolen or damaged, the effects upon your family, work and finances could be devastating.

Stealing from a car is usually a crime of opportunity, so leaving your valuables in open view or poor vehicle security can invite unwanted attention. With new proximity keys, extra care should be taken to ensure you've locked your car.

The theft of late model vehicles (approximately 70%) is not through hotwiring, but by gaining access to the owner's keys, during a house burglary. (National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council)

By just taking a few extra precautions with your car at home or when out and about, you can significantly lower your chances of being affected by this type of crime.

Here are some simple steps we all can take to better protect our vehicles:

Protect your car from being stolen

- NEVER leave your keys in the ignition when not in your car; even in your driveway at home
- ALWAYS keep your car's doors and windows locked, including when driving
- **CONSIDER** upgrading your car's security with a quality alarm or for older vehicles an electronic immobiliser
- **NEVER** leave your keys in plain view either at home or in public places such as restaurants. <u>carsafe - car-security-begins-at-home</u>

Protect the property in your car

- ALWAYS keep your doors and windows locked when out of your car
- **NEVER** leave valuables such as mobile phones, handbags, GPS or spare change in plain view Even when parked at home
- ALWAYS try to park in a well-lit or populated area
- TRADIES, always lock your toolboxes and ute trays and try to avoid parking on the street at night.

Protect yourself when selling your car

- **NEVER** advertise your home address when selling your car
- **ALWAYS** view and record any potential buyers identification
- **NEVER** let someone take your car for a test drive without supervision. carsafe - Theft_with_ForceBrochure.pdf



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