



Preventing Theft from Motor Vehicles

Cars and vans are frequently broken into, a lot of these are from vehicles shown as being insecure vehicles, and these are preventable by just locking them. Below are some tips that may prevent you from becoming a victim:

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- **DON'T** tempt thieves by leaving any items on display.
- **DO CLEAN THE SAT NAV RING** off the windscreen.
- **DO TURN BLUETOOTH OFF** anything left in the car – it can be detected when on.
- **DO** lock your vehicle at all times, even when parked on your driveway or when carrying out any work.
- **DO** consider fitting additional locks on van doors
- **DO PARK REAR DOORS ON VANS** up against garage doors or other to prevent access.
- **DO NOT just press the button on your fob to lock it** – Look at your car to see the lights flash etc., to confirm locking; someone may be nearby with a “remote blocker” and stop your car from locking.
- **If you don't have an alarm**, consider getting one fitted.
- **DO** try to park in a secure, well lit area where possible
- **If using a public car park** – Try to use a “Parkmark” approved car park

www.parkmark.co.uk

The following items are of particular interest to a thief so should never be left in your vehicle:

- Satellite navigation
- MP3 systems
- Mobile phones
- Laptops
- Wallets/ purses/ credit and debit cards
- Cash/ cheque book
- Electrical items
- Jewellery
- Power tools and work equipment
- Vehicle registration documents

Empty your car before someone else does.