



Securing Your Van or Car

Having something stolen from inside your car or van is bad enough but losing the vehicle itself is even worse. Here are ten things you can do to make your vehicle secure:

- Make sure there is absolutely nothing on display. Even something that you don't consider valuable could be seen differently by a thief and lead to a broken window and an empty glove box;
- Empty your glove box of valuables and never use it to hide your SATNAV equipment. Tell-tale rings on the windscreen are a sure sign that there is one in the car somewhere;
- Clean off those rings left by your SATNAV and other kinds of equipment. They may not be there because of a SATNAV but the thief doesn't know that;
- Don't leave a mobile phone or tablet in the vehicle with Bluetooth running. Even if the device is hidden the Bluetooth signal can be detected from outside;
- Parked in well lit spaces;
- Make absolutely sure the vehicle is locked. Stay close to the car when you lock it, as someone nearby might be able to intercept the coded signal. Don't walk away and at the same time point your key fob in the direction behind you. Stop, look, and listen, to be sure the key fob has actually worked;
- Angle your front wheels and engage the steering lock so that the car cannot be towed or driven in a straight line. Do this on your drive and when in the street;
- If you drive a van, park it so that the back doors are against an obstruction. This may mean backing into a parking space or right up to the door of your garage. Fit an extra lock to the side door and park so that the side door is close to a wall or other obstruction;
- Register any valuables that have to be left in the vehicle with www.imobilise.com;
- Hide the keys to your vehicle when away from home and also when at home. Definitely don't keep them hanging by the front door. That goes for the house keys as well.