



VEHICLE SECURITY

Did you know?

- In the UK, a car is stolen on average every 10 minutes.
- More than a third of UK drivers have had a car broken into.
- Most thefts from a car occur when parked outside the driver's home.
- 80% of car crime occurs during the evening or at night.

Theft of contents from cars often includes personal items, phones, laptops, handbags etc. and can cause significant damage to the vehicle.

Criminals have developed sophisticated techniques aimed at bypassing vehicle anti-theft devices such as 'jammers' to intercept the signal between a key fob and the vehicle, leaving the vehicle unlocked and vulnerable to theft.

Make sure the indicator lights flash back at you to show the vehicle got your signal and locked, and that it wasn't jammed.



To stop the key's signal being relayed put them in a faraday pouch (signal blocker).

Thieves will be less likely to target a vehicle if they believe they might be disturbed.

Best practice tips:

- Always park in a place that is well-lit and open to public view. Use car parks that are security patrolled or covered by CCTV.
- Mobile phones, laptops, handbags, and briefcases should not be left on view when the driver is not in the vehicle.
- Stereos and sat-nav should not be left on view when the driver is not in the vehicle.
- Letters, bank statements or forms of identification should not be left in a vehicle.
- Alloy wheels can be a target for thieves, so protect them with locking wheel nuts.



Vehicles in the UK fitted with keyless entry and ignition systems (which allow the vehicle to be opened and started without taking the key from a pocket), are susceptible to being driven away in seconds.

Adding visual deterrents to a vehicle is a good way to avoid theft. The use of steering locks and a pedal box, blocking access to all the vehicle's pedal controls, along with fitting additional visible locks will put thieves off.

Vehicle keys should never be left unattended in public and when at home, keys should be kept out of sight and out of reach.

Even when in slow-moving traffic or stuck in a jam, a vehicle is at risk of theft. Windows should be closed, all doors locked and valuables kept out of sight.

Always double-check that the car is locked before leaving it, even when at home or just popping into the petrol station kiosk or shop.

