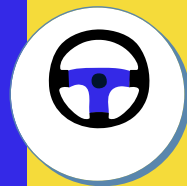


TOP TIPS TO PREVENT VEHICLE THEFT



Use a crook lock, steering lock, handbrake lock on your vehicle – might seem old school but they are a great deterrent.



Remember to check you have locked your vehicle – thieves try doors.



Don't leave your sat nav or portable items in full view in your vehicle – put them out of sight in the glove box, under a seat or better still, in the boot.



Use a Faraday pouch for your vehicle keys - they block the signal transmitted from the key.



Get your vehicle identification number (VIN) etched on each of the vehicle windows.



Take photos of your vehicle – they will be useful to the police and to make a claim on your insurance if it is stolen.



Park carefully. It's always advisable to avoid parking in dark and secluded areas.



The fact that you're in the car isn't always a deterrent to someone trying to steal it. If someone threatens you, it's better to hand over the keys and call 999 than become a victim of assault.

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