



**SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE**  
KEEPING SA SAFE

# PREVENTING CRIME

## SECURE YOUR NUMBER PLATES

Approximately 3,000 number plates are stolen in South Australia each year by opportunistic thieves.

Those stolen number plates are often then fitted onto other vehicles and used for short term use for purposes such as joyriding, transport or the commission of another crime, e.g: petrol theft, conducting robberies or house break-ins.

As a crime prevention initiative, SA Police, in partnership with Neighbourhood Watch SA, RAA and the Attorney-General's Department, offer and encourage motorists to have tamper-resistant screws fitted on their vehicle's number plates free of charge.

To reduce your chance of becoming a victim of number plate theft, please consider the following security tips:

- Secure your number plates with tamper-resistant screws on all your vehicles. The screws have a one-way head which means although they can be tightened to fix the plate, screwdrivers cannot grip in an anticlockwise direction to remove them.
- Check your vehicle regularly to ensure the number plates on your vehicle are secure.
- Secure your vehicles in a locked garage if possible.
- At night park your vehicles in well-lit areas.

To make a booking to get your free tamper-resistant screws fitted by a participating RAA Approved Repairer contact:

RAA's Technical Advisory Service  
Call: 8202 4689  
Email: [TechAdvisory@raa.com.au](mailto:TechAdvisory@raa.com.au)

For more information, visit the RAA website at:

[www.raa.com.au/motor/safety-and-advice/car-advice](http://www.raa.com.au/motor/safety-and-advice/car-advice)

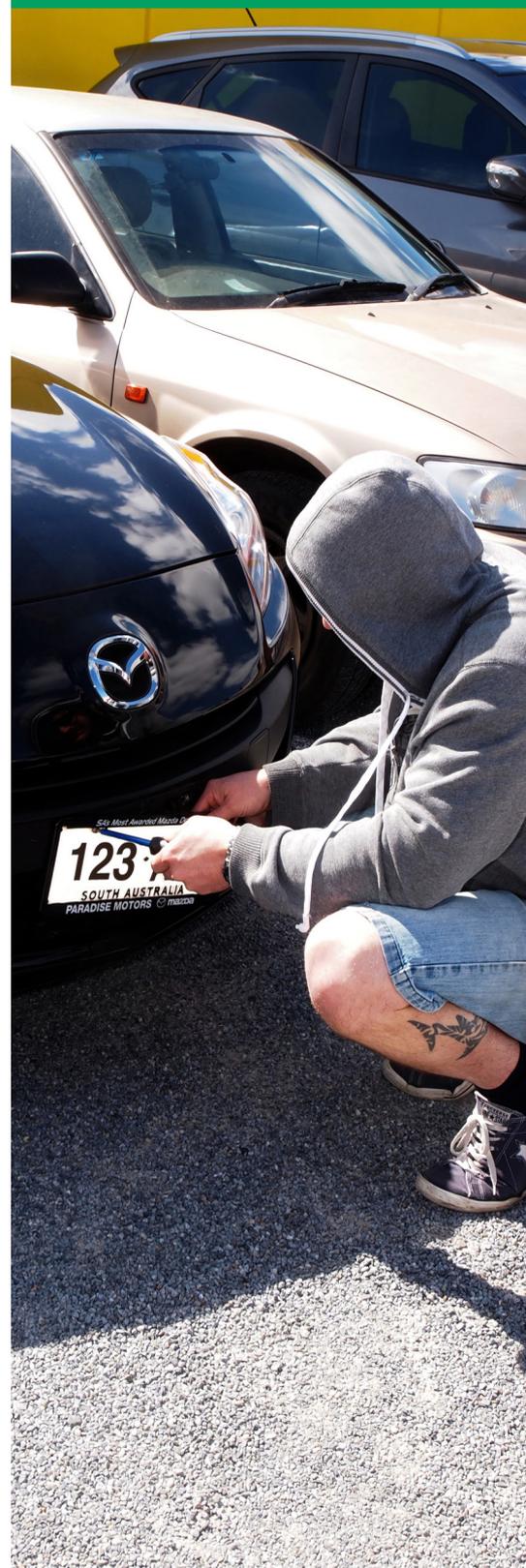
### Remember:

If you see someone behaving in a suspicious manner around parked vehicles call police immediately on 131 444. Timely reporting can assist police in locating offenders, preventing further crimes from occurring and potentially reuniting property with its lawful owner.

If your number plate is stolen, report it to SA Police immediately by calling the police assistance line on 131 444.

New number plates can be ordered online at [www.ecom.transport.sa.gov.au](http://www.ecom.transport.sa.gov.au)

## VEHICLE SECURITY



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