

KEEPING YOUR CAR SAFE AT HOME

Commonly, car thieves need car keys to steal your car.

However, an emerging trend is the use of electronic devices, capable of programming or mimicking keys to steal your car.

Here are some tips to keep your car, and car keys, safe at home.

Lock it

Always lock your vehicle – even in the garage! Close windows and sunroofs.

Keep keys safe

If thieves can get the keys, they can get the car. Keep keys out of sight.

Remove valuables

Valuables attract attention. Don't leave valuables in your vehicle.

Park safely

Park off the street, preferably in a locked garage or gated driveway.

Secure

Consider aftermarket security options, like a pin or button coded engine immobiliser, in case thieves do get the keys.



Lock it

- Lock vehicle doors.
All the time, every time.
- Don't leave your car running - ever!
Yes, a keyless car that is running can be driven off without the remote.
- Open windows show your vehicle is not secure, so close windows/sunroof.

Keep keys safe

- Never leave keys or remotes in the car.
Even for a minute.
Even at home!
- Keep keys out of plain sight – not lying around on tables or benches or displayed on easy to see key hooks. Keep away from windows or doors.
- Attach a tracking device to keys or mark with your phone number in case they're lost. Don't use your name, address or a vehicle registration number as thieves can use these to target your home or vehicle.

- Never keep a second set of keys in or near your car.
- If your vehicle is at home when you're out, secure or take keys with you.

Remove valuables

- Any items visible in your car, even shopping bags or clothing can entice thieves.
- Remove items if you can. If you can't, keep them out of sight.

Park safely

- Park in a garage, carport, gated driveway or at least off the road.
- Don't forget to close gates or garage doors. Lock where possible.
- If you are parking on the street, try to park in a well-lit area, close to home.

Secure

- If you're looking for more security, consider a high-quality steering wheel lock or installing an after-market engine immobiliser.
- Ideally the engine immobiliser should
 - be disarmed only via input into a PIN pad or a button sequence – not by the use of a fob, key, or other physical device.
 - immobilise the vehicle by interrupting at least one circuit of the electric systems (such as the fuel pump or start motor) and
 - consist of black wiring only.
- Consider placing a GPS tracking device in your vehicle to allow you to track it and advise police of it's location in the event it does get stolen.

