

Neighbourhood Watch SA Weekly Bulletin

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Vehicle Security

Most vehicle crime is preventable; it can take just a few seconds for a thief to steal something from your car.

To reduce your chances of becoming a victim of vehicle crime, please consider the following crime prevention tips:

- Lock your car whenever you leave it, even when running back into your house for a few seconds to collect something or when paying for fuel.
- Remember to lock your boot, and to close all windows.
- Remove everything from the vehicle, don't even leave a jacket inside – a thief may be tempted to break in to steal it to see what's inside the pockets.
- Don't store things in the boot thinking they will be safe out of sight – they won't.
- Get into the habit of whenever you step out of your vehicle, take the ignition key with you.
- Take removable stereos and sat nav gear with you.
- Use tamper-resistant number plate screws – number plates are often stolen for criminal use.
- Don't leave vehicle ownership documents in the car – keep them at home.
- Keep all keys (home and vehicle) out of plain sight at home and not close to windows and external doors.
- When you go to bed, take house and vehicle keys into your bedroom to make them less accessible to intruders.
- Overnight – if you have to leave your vehicle out in the open, try to park somewhere open and well-lit.

SA Police is committed to working with the community to prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime. To access our full range of crime prevention posters, fact sheets and booklets (including vehicle security) please visit:

www.police.sa.gov.au/safety-and-security-tips

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