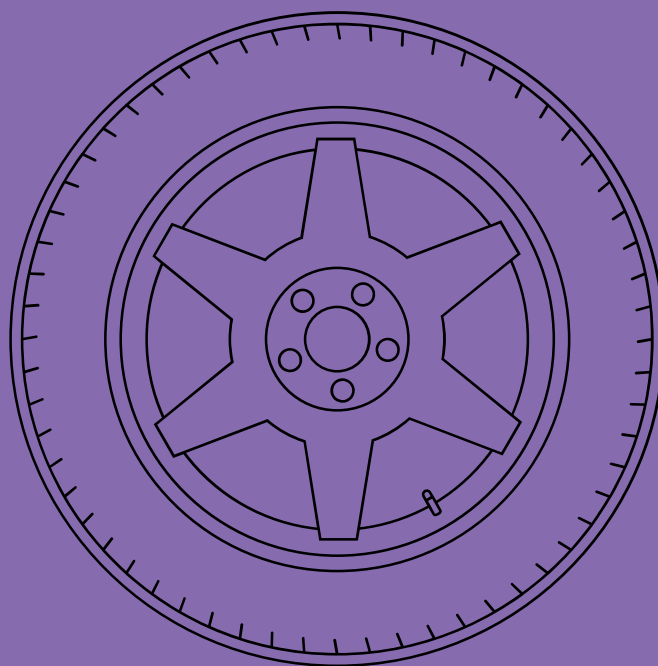




In today's modern society security awareness is essential. It is an effective deterrent which prevents individuals and businesses from becoming victims of crime.

This leaflet is designed to help prevent you from becoming a victim of theft and provide reassurance that there are many effective safety measures you can take to protect your property.

Crime Prevention Motor Vehicle



Secured By Design (SBD) the national Police crime prevention initiative, works with Police Forces around the UK and many other organisations to achieve sustainable reductions in crime to help people live in a safer society.



How to secure your motor vehicle

- If you have a garage, secure the vehicle inside and lock the garage. Consider using an alarm for your garage.
- Close and lock perimeter gates.
- Leaving items on show is an invitation – Mobile phones, electronic equipment, coins, sunglasses, tools, clothing and bags should be kept out of sight, placed in the boot.
- Keys and ignition fobs should be kept safe and out of sight and reach – a common way to steal a car or van is to take the keys or ignition fob, either when left in the vehicle or from your home through burglary.
- Be aware of Relay Theft: Criminals are able to clone the signal from keyless entry fobs which emit a traceable signal. Use a secure foil lined pouch, such as a Faraday case to prevent this.
- Always lock and close the windows of your vehicle when unattended – on the drive, the petrol station forecourt or when parking. An unlocked vehicle is the easiest to steal or steal from.
- Fit theft resistant number plate fittings – stolen number plates are commonly used to hide the identity of stolen vehicles.
- Use a steering wheel lock and/ or a lock that fits over the gear lever/clutch pedal.
- Double check: Listen out for the sound of your doors locking, lights flashing and/ or mirrors closing. If you don't hear or see this it make sure to double check
- Fit a tracker: These devices can alert you when your car is active and if it's travelling in a new area.

Neighbourhood Watch Scotland

Watch schemes work well as a crime prevention and detection tool but are also extremely valuable in terms of enabling local communities to share information, allow agencies to send out relevant crime alerts, and empower local communities to be more resilient.

To receive local ALERTS about crime and other threats in your area, simply click on the green JOIN button on the Neighbourhood Watch website:

neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk

Further Information

Comprehensive crime prevention advice can be obtained from your local policing team by telephoning 101.

Remember: If you can think of a way of defeating your existing security measures, so can the criminal.

Any suspicious activity should be reported to Police Scotland by calling 101 or on our web page: **scotland.police.uk/contact-us/**

Alternatively information can be passed anonymously to Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**. For emergencies call 999.