

Any item left in a vehicle can entice an opportunist thief to smash the window for a closer look.

TAKE IT

Take all your valuables with you
– don't hide them in your vehicle

LOCK IT

Lock the vehicle and shut windows

CHECK IT

Check you've locked it and look inside
again – have you left anything?



Thefts can take place during the day or night, whether a vehicle is parked in a driveway, on the street or in a public car park.

Protect your vehicle and property:

- When leaving your vehicle, close all windows and lock your car. Test the door to ensure it is definitely locked.
- Park your vehicle in an attended car park and look for public car parks approved by the Park Mark scheme.
- Consider having a dash-cam fitted, that records when the car is switched off, if the car gets bumped, the dash-cam will record everything and also act as a visual deterrent.
- Items of little value, such as shopping bags and clothing, may tempt a potential thief to break into the vehicle to see whether they contain anything worth stealing. Don't leave anything on display and take all personal possessions with you.
- Do not hide any valuable items. Take it with you or leave it at home.
- Leave the glove box open to show there's nothing inside.
- At home, park in your garage, driveway or a well-lit area.
- Do not store ownership documents inside the vehicle.

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