



- Some criminals are plugging in rogue devices to the onboard diagnostics port (OBD port) to access your vehicle – OBD locks are available and can assist in reducing access to the port.
- Try to purchase devices that are Thatcham quality assured or Sold Secure tested (www.thatcham.org and/or www.soldsecure.com).
- Other physical security options may include deadlocks, slam locks, pedal boxes, wheel clamps/locks and steering locks – again look for devices that are Thatcham quality assured or Sold Secure tested.
- If your vehicle doesn't have an immobiliser or an alarm then consider having one professionally fitted to the Thatcham quality assured standard.
- Tracking devices are also available which can help trace your vehicle if stolen.
- Check to see if the manufacturer of your vehicle sells specific security devices for in built features such as sat-nav systems.
- There are devices to assist in protecting catalytic converters and tamper proof screws for number plates. Tamper proof number plates are also available. It is worth mentioning any additional security to your insurance company as you may qualify for a discount.



Theft from Vehicles

- Criminals are not just stealing items from inside vehicles - but also car parts too such as light units, number plates etc.
- Stolen items could have a massive impact on your work or business, especially if your laptop, phone or tools are required by you to do your job.
- Never leave items of value in your car, ensuring that windows, sunroof and soft tops are shut.
- Do not leave valuables in the boot – some parcel shelves may not fit flush or may have dropped off centre after use, and the smallest of gaps may provide an opportunity for an offender to see through.
- Always remove sat-navs and their holders from the vehicle, ensuring that sucker marks from the holder is wiped off the windscreen.
- Do not leave any work or business related equipment in your vehicle, especially when your vehicle is left unoccupied overnight.
- If you are out shopping don't return to the car to leave bags on your back seat and then return to the shops.
- If you're parking your vehicle in a public place try to find a car park that has received 'Park Mark' accreditation – these sites have gone through a process to improve and sustain levels of security (www.parkmark.co.uk).



Additional Security

Theft of Vehicles

How important is your car/van, and what do you use it for? Maybe work, day to day business, school run, shopping and visiting family and friends etc? How could you manage without it? Having your vehicle stolen can be traumatic, costly and extremely inconvenient to say the least.

- If you have a garage, use it for your car, not for storage of other less valuable items.
- Check to see how many 'clicks' on your key fob activates which security features on your vehicle – what was two clicks on your old car may do something different on your new one?
- When leaving your vehicle always make sure it is fully locked by double-checking the doors.
- Don't leave the vehicle running/keys in the ignition when nipping into the shop for a newspaper, paying for fuel or defrosting your car in the winter months.
- When home don't leave the keys for your vehicle on the side in the kitchen, on show or within reach of the letterbox or cat flap.
- Do you really need to bring a work vehicle home with you? Is there a more secure option at your place of work for both the vehicle and the equipment/tools that may be in it?



West Yorkshire Police has a crime prevention team in each of the five policing districts:
Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield.

Contact your local crime prevention officers by calling 101 and asking to speak to them. They are there to support you and help with advice. You can also email the teams:

- bradfordcpo@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk
- calderdalecpo@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk
- kirkleescpo@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk
- leedscpo@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk
- wakefieldcpo@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

For great ideas on keeping your vehicle and property safe visit:
www.westyorkshire.police.uk



PREVENT CAR CRIME



Vehicles are usually the second biggest thing you buy after your home, so why not make it as secure as possible?

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