

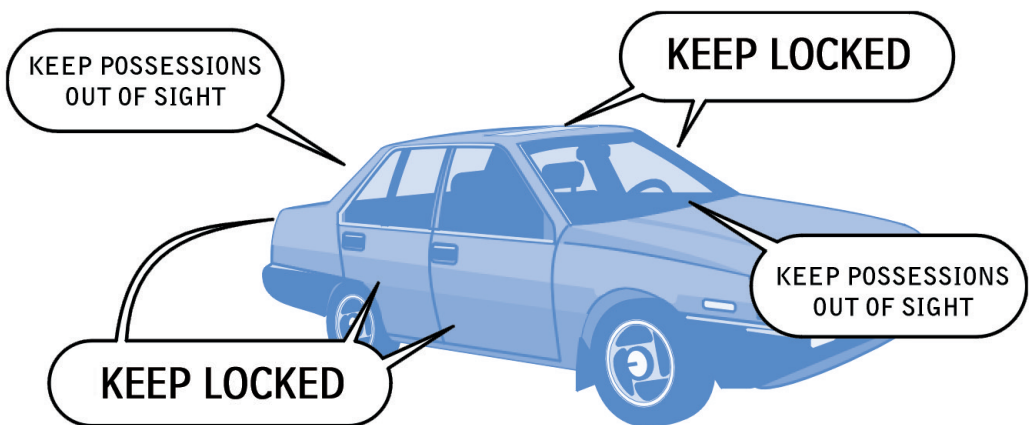
KEEP YOUR **CAR SAFE**

MOST CAR CRIME IS THE RESULT OF CRIMINALS SEEING OPPORTUNITIES AND TAKING THEM

CRIMINALS CAN BE EASILY OUTSMARTED BY TAKING STEPS TO SECURE YOUR CAR

DON'T GIVE THEM AN EASY RIDE

MOST CAR CRIME IS PREVENTABLE



Keep your possessions safe

Never leave any of the following items on display in your car as they are particularly attractive to thieves:

- Cameras
- Mobile phones
- Laptop computers
- Credit/Debit cards
- Cheque books, Cash and Wallets
- Vehicle Registration Documents
- Private mail with your address on it
- Handbags
- Clothes
- Your house keys
- Tools



Security Marking

Consider marking all your valuables that you frequently take with you in your car. This can be simply done by writing your postcode and house number on them with an ultra-violet pen. This helps to trace them if they are stolen, and can also help to convict the offender. Information on ultra-violet pens is available from your local Crime Prevention Office (details opposite).



Stereo/CD player

This is one of the most sought after items in your car. Get one that's removable or has a front that can be taken off and don't forget to do this when you park your car! Consider marking it as mentioned above and make a note of its serial number.

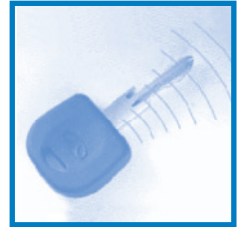
Car thieves know that many people leave their removable stereos in the glove compartment. It can be a good idea to leave the glove box open and visibly empty so a thief won't be tempted to break in to see what's in there.

Security Devices

Locks or other security devices are always a great deterrent to vehicle crime. Information on vehicle immobilisers and other security products can be obtained by calling the Vehicle Security National Helpline on the number below.

Electronic Immobilisers

They are very effective against thieves, but must be professionally fitted.



Mechanical Immobilisers

They are an easy option to protect your car. A steering wheel lock is not expensive and is easy to use.



Locking Wheel Nuts

Many thieves target wheels. To protect your wheels and tyres, fit locking wheel nuts. They are not expensive and are easy to fit.

Etching

Arrange to have the Vehicle Registration number etched on to all glass surfaces including headlamps.



Useful contacts for information on securing your car:

Vehicle Security National helpline, 0870 550 2006
Police Crime Prevention Office 01323 414103
www.secureyourmotor.gov.uk

Other useful numbers:

Lewes District Community Safety Office, 01273 484394
Police Non-emergency line, 0845 60 70 999
In an emergency, always call 999

DO

- ✓ Whilst driving and parking keep valuables out of sight
- ✓ When leaving your car, however briefly, lock all doors and windows
- ✓ If you really have to leave items in your car, lock them in your boot - preferably before you start your journey, not when parking as a thief may be watching
- ✓ Look out for the police's "Secure Car Park" plaque when visiting places
- ✓ Use your garage if you have one
- ✓ Park your car in a well-lit, open area - under street lights is best when it is dark

DON'T

- ✗ Leave anything on display while parking
- ✗ Leave your key in your car - it only takes seconds for someone to jump into your car and drive away
- ✗ Leave your car in places that are:
 - unattended
 - have easy access
 - are concealed from public view
 - have many escape routes

ACT

- If you see anything suspicious, call the police non-emergency number: 0845 60 70 999
- If you see someone breaking into a car, call 999 immediately
- If you have crime-related information but wish to remain anonymous, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111