

PREVENT CAR BREAK-INS

Car break-ins and having your valuables stolen can be distressing.
Any property visible inside your car can attract a thief.

Here are three simple steps to help prevent your car being broken into.

Remove valuables

Your property is what they want.
Don't leave valuables in your vehicle.

Park safely

Park off the street, preferably in a locked garage or gated driveway.

Lock it

Always lock your vehicle – even in the garage!
Close windows and sunroofs.



Remove valuables

- Any items visible in your car, even shopping bags and clothing, can entice thieves.
- Items most often stolen are money/purse/wallet, personal items like jewellery/clothing/keys, or tech like phones/smartwatches/laptops.
- Remove items if you can. If you can't, keep them out of sight or secure them.
- This means valuables outside the vehicle too, e.g. roof or tailgate racks, holiday top boxes or toolboxes.
- If you can't remove them, make sure they are self-locking or secured with quality padlocks or cable locks. Attach to the vehicle where possible.
- If you can't remove items, like tools from a work vehicle, engrave or mark tools with your business name or driver's licence number. Marked items are less valuable to thieves. Photograph valuable tools and their serial numbers.
- Secure your number plates with tamper-resistant screws. Number plates are valuable to criminals and tamper resistant screws make them harder to steal.
- If you are parking on the street, try to park in a well-lit area, close to home. A thief might move on if there is a higher chance they will be seen.
- If you're out and about, park in a secure car park and take any car park ticket with you. If you are parking in the street, park in a busy, well-lit area.

Park safely

- If possible, park in a garage, carport, gated driveway or at least off the road.
- Don't forget to close gates or garage doors. Lock them if you can.

Lock it

- Lock vehicle doors. All the time. Every time.
- A parked car with open windows (even 'just a little bit' open) is tempting to thieves. Close windows and sunroofs; even on hot days.

