

## Preventing Car Crime - 12.04.18

Most vehicle crime is preventable. It can take as little as 10 seconds for a thief to steal something from your car. The best way to protect your belongings is to lock your car whenever you leave it. Other things you can do include:

- ✘ Removing everything from the car - don't even leave a jacket where it can be seen.
- ✘ Closing the sunroof along with the windows when you leave.
- ✘ Not storing things in the boot; take them with you.
- ✘ Storing car ownership information in your home, not your car.
- ✘ Having a routine to ensure you always take the keys out of the ignition.
- ✘ Taking removable stereos and sat nav equipment with you
- ✘ In addition, using secure (theft resistant) number plates can make your plates less attractive to thieves.

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