

## Motor Vehicle Crime

### ***Did you know that...***

- Most vehicle crime is preventable. It can take as little as 10 seconds for a thief to steal something from your car. If at all possible, leave nothing on view.
- Never leave valuable items in your car, including sunglasses, the removable radio cover and your Sat Nav. Do you really need all those things you keep in the glove box?
- Wipe away the Sat Nav mark on your windscreen.
- Consider fitting anti-tamper screws to your number plate.
- Never leave your car keys where they can be seen from the front door.

### ***Vehicle common sense***

#### ***Always***

- Close the windows and sunroof; lock the doors and activate any security devices when leaving your car unattended.
- Park with care, particularly at night or if you are leaving the vehicle for a long time. If possible, park in a busy, well-lit area.
- Fit a mechanical steering lock to the steering wheel of your vehicle – if thieves see you've thought about that they will know you've probably thought about removing your valuables too and will leave it alone.

#### ***Never***

- Leave cash, credit cards, chequebook, mobile phones, vehicle documents or other valuables in the car.
- Never leave your keys in the car, even for a second - treat them as you would your cash and credit cards.

#### ***Tools***

- Theft from motor vehicle (TFMV) is very common in Hillingdon at the moment, with mainly vans being targeted and tools being stolen.
- Where at all possible, you should never leave tools in your vehicle overnight. If you are able to, they should be removed from your vehicle and secured in a garage or house overnight.
- If you cannot remove the tools from your vehicle, ensure that you park your vehicle on your driveway with the doors as close to a wall/fence as possible, making gaining access to the vehicle that much harder for thieves.
- You can purchase signs on the internet which say 'No tools are left in this vehicle overnight'. This may be a deterrent to somebody thinking about breaking into your vehicle.
- If you do have to leave your tools in your vehicle overnight, please make sure they are security marked with your name and/or door number and post code. If they are then stolen and recovered, these markings will assist Police in restoring your property to you.
- If you would like a free UV property marker pen, please contact your Local Policing Team (LPT) at Ruislip Police Station on 020 8246 1823.



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