



Nottinghamshire Police

# Crime Prevention

Advice

## Securing your vehicle

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## Vehicle security

### Simple steps:

- ▶ Lock all doors and close all windows every time your vehicle is unattended, however briefly
- ▶ Always remove the ignition keys and never leave your vehicle unattended with the engine running
- ▶ Always keep your vehicle keys in a safe place, out of sight and away from windows and doors
- ▶ Consider fitting number plate security screws
- ▶ Fit your wheels with lockable wheel nuts. Protect the spare wheel from being stolen by fitting a spare wheel guard
- ▶ Don't park in isolated areas to do paperwork or for a meal break. Park in car parks which are part of the police approved 'Park Mark' scheme

### Other options

- ▶ Invest in a professionally installed alarm
- ▶ Use a catalytic converter protection device or marking system
- ▶ Invest in a tracking system to enable you to track the vehicle's location
- ▶ Fit an immobiliser to prevent the vehicle from starting
- ▶ Install an On Board Diagnostic or Engine Control Unit protection device
- ▶ Consider installing an in-vehicle surveillance camera
- ▶ Use a pedal box to encase all pedals and prevent access

These websites provide details of products that could help protect your vehicle:

- ▶ Approved Thatcham alarm installers: [www.thatcham.org](http://www.thatcham.org)
- ▶ Catalytic converter marking systems: [www.retainagroup.com](http://www.retainagroup.com)
- ▶ Products to enhance vehicle security: [www.soldsecure.com](http://www.soldsecure.com)

## Securing your fleet of commercial vehicles

- ▶ Give drivers training in security measures for their vehicle and the company's premises
- ▶ Check drivers understand and use the security equipment fitted to their vehicle. The same goes for security equipment on your premises
- ▶ Use photo identification cards for drivers and keep signed photos of all your drivers for personal records
- ▶ Restrict knowledge about loads to only those who need to know
- ▶ The pre-loading of vehicles, normally for early morning departures, should be kept to an absolute minimum.
- ▶ Make sure all drivers have access to some form of mobile communication device
- ▶ Keep in regular contact with drivers to identify/confirm routes, stops and estimates times of arrival
- ▶ Don't allow drivers to give lifts, or to have unauthorised people in the vehicle

## Securing the contents of your commercial vehicle

- ▶ Keep expensive equipment in a storage box that is fixed to the floor of the van
- ▶ Use notices- which say that no valuable items are stored in the van overnight
- ▶ Mark all items with a visible marking system
- ▶ Take all your belongings with you when you leave your vehicle. If you are unable to do this do not leave your items on display
- ▶ All vehicle equipment, whether you can remove it or not, should be permanently marked, in a visible place, with vehicles registration number

# PROTECT REGISTER IT

Register your property for FREE and improve your chance of getting it back if it is lost or stolen

## IMMOBILISE PROPERTY CRIME

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