



Preventing crime and injury

Preventing property theft

Having your property stolen can leave you feeling upset, intimidated and out of pocket. The following tips will help you keep your property safe.

Theft from cars

To reduce the chance of damage to and theft from your vehicle, keep it tidy and remove property from sight. Thieves are less likely to break in if there is nothing to be gained.

Tips to protect your car and your valuables:

- **Lock the vehicle's doors and close the windows**, even if you're only leaving for a few minutes.
- **Don't leave valuables in the car.**
- **Keep valuables out of sight.** Place your property into the boot before you reach your destination. Thieves have been known to target vehicles after seeing people move valuables into the boot.
- **Take the car stereo's detachable face with you.**
- **Be aware of where you are parking.** Always choose a location that is brightly lit and, if possible, park in your yard or carport rather than on the street.

Protecting your property

Here are a few things you can do that will help to protect your property.

- **Mark property as yours.** An engraved or written name will discourage thieves. Writing your details using an ultraviolet marker can help catch a thief red-handed.
- **Secure your property before you leave it**, especially small, valuable items such as electronics and jewellery. A large proportion of crimes are crimes of opportunity.
- **Keep your property neat, tidy and in its place.** This will help you recognise when something has been stolen. The sooner you can notify police that something is missing the more likely it can be tracked down.
- **Don't leave items lying around that could be useful to burglars.** This could include ladders, keys, pliers or other tools.

For further information, please contact the city's community safety officer on 9237 9222.