

# PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY



## Crime Prevention Strategies Theft from Motor Vehicles

The NSW Police Force is committed to providing 24-hour service and support to the community. One of its main objectives is Crime Prevention and Community Safety.

We are distributing this information in order to increase awareness of crime prevention and reporting strategies regarding “theft from motor vehicle” incidents.

To assist us in preventing this type of offence and making our community a safer place, we are encouraging everyone to practice simple preventative measures when parking and leaving a vehicle in the streets or other parking locations.

**WOLLONGONG POLICE**  
**EMERGENCY CALL 000**  
**NON-EMERGENCY CALL 4226 7899**



## SIMPLE TIPS TO HELP DETER STEALING FROM MOTOR VEHICLES

**DO NOT** leave your vehicle unlocked when you are away from it, even for only a short period. Make sure all windows and doors are secured before leaving the vehicle.

**BE AWARE!** It is an offence to leave your vehicle unsecured and unattended.

**PROTECT YOUR VALUABLES.** Do not leave your property (including loose change, shopping bags, etc) in plain view in your vehicle, even when it is locked. Take your valuables with you or secure them in the glove box or in the boot compartment. Do not do this in the parking lot, as thieves could be monitoring the area.

**LOCK ALL WINDOWS AND DOORS.** When you are in your vehicle, whether driving or waiting, make sure all the windows and doors are locked. This will make it difficult for opportunistic thieves to open the doors while you are stopped at traffic lights or waiting in a parking area.

**ENGRAVE YOUR PROPERTY** with your name or driver's licence and make a list of the serial number/s of your property.

**DO NOT** leave important papers and credit cards in your vehicle.

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT** for someone who is acting suspiciously, e.g. looking in windows/checking parked vehicles. Make a note of the person's appearance, clothing, weapon (if any) and call the police immediately.

You can report any crime or suspicious activities anonymously.

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