

Protect Your Motorcycle, Moped or Scooter

To protect your motorcycle, moped or scooter remember LOCK, CHAIN, COVER.

LOCK: use a disc lock to help secure the front brake disc, or a grip lock to secure the brake and throttle controls. You could also use a D lock on the front wheel to stop it being wheeled away.

CHAIN: Use a chain lock through the back wheel (the front wheel can be removed). Chain your bike to something heavy, even when in a garage. You can fit specific attachments to lock your bike to at home.

COVER: Thieves often 'shop' for particular bike models. Using a cover instantly makes it less attractive to them. A cover also provides another time consuming obstacle for the thief.

For more information on LOCK, CHAIN, COVER see the Protect your motorcycle page from the Met Police.



Useful Contact Details

Contact Cambridgeshire Neighbourhood Watch Association using the Contact Us form on our website at www.cnwa.org.uk

The National Neighbourhood Watch Association website is at: www.ourwatch.org.uk

Police

To contact the police if a crime is in progress or life is threatened ring 999

For non-emergencies ring 101

Crimes can also be reported online at: <https://www.cambs.police.uk/report>

To report a fraud or scam ring:



<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111
Victim Support 0845 3030 900 Cambridgeshire
Victims Hub 0800 781 6818 Age UK
Cambridgeshire 0300 666 9860
Citizen Advice Bureau 08444 111 444
Cambridgeshire County Council 0345 045 5200
Safe Local Trades www.safelocaltrades.com
Bobby Scheme 01480 413311 or 07866 602100



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Top Tips to Keep Your Vehicle Safe



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Avoiding Keyless Theft

keyless car theft – also known as relay theft – is relatively simple. With a relay amplifier and a relay transmitter, a thief can detect whether the car has keyless entry. Working in pairs they identify a house with a car parked nearby and one person stands by the car with a transmitter, while a second waves an amplifier around the perimeter of the house. If the car key is close enough the amplifier will detect its signal, amplify it, and send it to the accomplice's transmitter.

This transmitter then effectively becomes the key, and tricks the car into thinking the real key is nearby. The thieves can then open the car, get in and drive away. The whole process can take as little as 60 seconds and can be completed in near silence.

To avoid keyless car theft remember DISTANCE, SIGNAL, STEERING WHEEL.

KEEP KEYS A SAFE DISTANCE: Keeping keys far away from doors and windows. This will minimise the chances a thief will be able to find and amplify the key's signal and is general good practice.

STEERING WHEEL LOCK: Consider using a steering wheel lock, a driveway parking post, or even a wheel clamp.

BLOCK OR TURN OFF THE SIGNAL: Consider purchasing a Faraday pouch to keep your car key in. These pouches contain signal-blocking materials that stop your key transmitting its code, preventing crooks from being able to detect and amplify the signal. Check your manual or speak to your dealer to find out if your key can be switched off.

Top Tips to Keep your Car Safe

- ❖ Following 3 simple steps (leave your car locked, well-lit, and empty) will help to keep your car safe, but there are further steps you could take:
- ❖ Store car ownership information at home, not in your car.
- ❖ Secure number plates with anti-theft screws available from car accessory stores.
- ❖ Keep your car keys out of sight in your home.
- ❖ Use a Sold Secure www.soldsecure.com approved anti-theft device on your car. You can search for suppliers on www.securedbydesign.com.
- ❖ When parking in a car park, look for a 'Park Mark' www.parkmark.co.uk indicating the car park meets recognised security levels.
- ❖ Fit locking, anti-tamper wheel nuts to secure alloy wheels.
- ❖ Secure items outside of your vehicle. Anything left on roof-racks, tailgate racks, holiday top boxes or in tool chests are easily stolen when the vehicle is parked. The use of cable locks, padlocks and self-locking tools chests, which are secured to the vehicle, makes them more secure, but still, don't leave things in them if you can avoid it.

Catalytic Converter Theft

Catalytic converters are targeted because of the precious metals that they are made with, namely rhodium, platinum and palladium. Thieves simply cut the catalytic converter from the exhaust pipe of a parked car and sell them on to scrap metal dealers. Taller vehicles are more vulnerable as the catalytic converters are easier to access.

To reduce the risk of having your catalytic converter stolen you could:

- ❖ Purchase anti-theft products such as Catloc - a Sold Secure approved product (find out more about Catloc's Secured by Design's Police Preferred Specification here).
- ❖ Park to restrict access to the underneath of the car.
- ❖ Ask your dealer to weld the catalytic converter to the car.
- ❖ Fit a tilt alarm.
- ❖ Register your converter and mark it with a forensic marker, which will make it harder for thieves to dispose of.



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