

## **Theft from motor vehicles**

Drivers are being urged to take simple steps to avoid falling victim to thieves targeting parked vehicles - vans in particular.

It can take as little as 10 seconds for a thief to steal something from your car. The best way to protect your belongings is to lock your car whenever you leave it.

### **To avoid becoming a victim:**

- Fit a car alarm
- Ensure you empty your vehicle of valuable items
- Mark your tools using a CRE Marker or permanent marker pen with your house number and postcode
- Use a steering wheel lock
- Get an immobiliser, this stops the engine from starting if the car is being stolen
- Always park your car in well-lit areas in full public view
- Look for police approved car parks with the Park Mark logo
- When stationary in traffic, keep your doors locked and windows up
- Take your sat nav with you and wipe away any marks left by the suction pads on the window
- Don't leave items in the glove compartment
- If you have a garage, use it

For further information please visit: <http://www.chiltern.gov.uk/vehiclecrime> or <http://www.southbucks.gov.uk/vehiclecrime>



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