

# Don't make it easy for them... if you can see it so can they!

Leaving things on show in a parked car can make it more attractive to thieves



## Vehicle crime prevention tips:

- Secure the doors and windows every time you leave the car
- Items such as coats, bags and laptops should be removed from view
- Remove any evidence of Sat Nav including unit cradles and ring marks - the home address should also be removed from the memory
- If you have a garage - use it
- Stereos, CDs and other audio equipment should be removed from view when leaving the car
- When parking in a narrow street, always move your wing mirrors in, so they do not get knocked off by a passing car
- Use public car parks that are part of the police approved 'Safer Parking Scheme' Go to [www.parkmark.co.uk](http://www.parkmark.co.uk) to find your nearest one
- If possible, use the 'Park and Ride' schemes or public transport
- Ensure that vans are secured and emptied of power tools - especially if being left over night
- Good security in newer cars means that the only way to steal them is with the keys. Always take good care of them and never leave them by your front door or window
- Fit self-locking screws to prevent number plates being stolen
- Fit anti-theft devices to steering wheels, fuel caps and wheels

To report a crime or incident, or provide information phone the non-emergency number  
Press option 2 if you know the name of the person or department you wish to speak to  
and state collar number or full name to ensure your call is directed correctly



Alternatively, **CRIMESTOPPERS** can be contacted anonymously on  
**0800 555 111**

In an emergency always phone 999





Dear Resident

## **Theft from vehicles**

We are beginning to notice a rise in theft of goods from vehicles in York.

Car thieves are often opportunist and will target vehicles where belongings are left in view. In the past year, the following items have been stolen from unattended vehicles in York.

- **Tools (including hand tools)**
- **Satellite navigation systems**
- **Clothing**
- **CDs/DVDs**
- **Commercial power tools**
- **Jewellery**
- **Handbags**
- **Car stereos**
- **ipods**
- **Laptops**
- **Mobile phones**
- **Purses**
- **Sports equipment (mainly golf equipment but also fishing and cricket equipment).**
- **Wrist watches**
- **Groceries**
- **Sunglasses**

Please be vigilant when leaving your vehicle. Ensure your vehicle is secure and satellite navigation equipment removed. Do not leave **anything** on display.

By stealing a bag or handbag a thief is able to steal a number of the above items in one go.

Even a coat or jacket has potential for a thief as there could be a phone or money in the pocket.

Please see the advice sheet overleaf for further information.