



Neighbourhood Watch in Spain Association Vecinos Cooperando y Colaborando de España



Tips to prevent vehicle crime

- **Take your keys.** Take the ignition key out even when the car is parked in your driveway or garage. Set the alarm or immobiliser.
- **Lock your car.** Approximately 50 percent of all vehicles stolen were left unlocked.
- **Never hide a second set of keys in your car.** Extra keys can be easily found if a thief takes time to look.
- **Park in well-lit areas.** Over half of all vehicle thefts occur at night.
- **Park in attended car parks.** Car thieves do not like witnesses and prefer unattended car parks
- **Never leave your car running, even if you'll only be gone for a minute.** Vehicles are commonly stolen at convenience stores, petrol stations, ATMs, etc.
- **Completely close car windows when parking.** Don't make it any easier for the thief to enter your vehicle.
- **Don't leave valuables in plain view.** Don't make your car a more desirable target and attract thieves by leaving valuables in plain sight.
- **If you have a garage, use it.** If you have a garage, take the time to use it rather than parking outside where your vehicle is more vulnerable.
- **When parking in a garage, lock the garage door and your vehicle.** By locking both the garage and vehicle doors, the chances of deterring a thief greatly improve.
- **Don't leave the registration papers in your car.** A car thief will use these to sell your stolen car.
- **Mark valuable equipment.** Radios, CD players - Mark with a UV pen and make a note of the serial numbers.
- **Put down Aerial** – When parked put the aerial down to stop it being vandalised.
- **Sat Nav** - Take it with you when you park up DO NOT hide it in the vehicle. DO NOT PUT YOUR EXACT HOME OR HOLIDAY ADDRESS into the device use an address close by such as a restaurant or the Police Station