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There are measures that you can take to improve car security and reduce the risk of theft

- Be sure to lock your car, shut your windows tight and never leave your keys in the car. Even the smallest gap can enable the windows to be forced. It may sound obvious, but you think how many times you've left your car unlocked or your keys in the ignition while at the service station or the shops.
- Do not leave valuables in your car. If you must leave items in your car, put them out of sight in the glove box, boot or under the seat. Ensure that no-one sees you placing any valuables in the boot.
- Keep your garage locked. Many cars are stolen from garages and driveways, both during the day and at night.
- Choose secure car parks. Of course, there is no such thing as a theft-proof car park, but whenever possible, choose a multi-storey car park that is well lit, with boom gates. Remember, don't leave your ticket in the car.
- Park well away from isolated or dark areas - especially at night.
- Be alert to any strangers showing an interest in your vehicle. Don't hide spare keys anywhere, inside or outside the car.
- A lockable fuel cap will prevent your petrol being stolen and force joy-riders to abandon your car when the petrol runs out.
- Keep a record of the serial number of your car keys and accessories.

Remember, if your car door cannot be opened or the contents removed within a few seconds, a thief usually won't bother.

