

Vehicle thefts are increasing higher than ever before

Did you know?

40%

of all vehicle thefts recorded by the police are from the Metropolitan area along with Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire and West Midlands.¹ Thefts are particularly on the rise in areas such as London and Essex.²

6 out of 10

of the UK's most stolen cars, are Range Rover or Land Rover models³ with other SUV's such as the BMW X5 making up the rest.

67-75%

of all vehicle-related thefts occur at home.²

90%

of these vehicle thefts were due to 'keyless' theft.⁴

3 tips on how to prevent your vehicle from being stolen

1

Help make your client's car less of an easy target. Advise them to always lock their car securely when they leave it, even for a short time. Keep keys with them. Consider buying a steering wheel lock for extra (visible) security. This can make a would-be thief pass over their vehicle for an easier target.

2

Thieves sometimes break into houses looking for keys or use wires and hooks to drag keys through the letterbox. Advise your client's to keep keys well away from doors and windows. Does their car use a keyless entry/start fob? Thieves can use a technique to copy the key signal to another device that's placed close to a vehicle. Keeping it in a Faraday box or signal blocking wallet can stop thieves copying the signal.

3

Advise your client's to consider additional security such as an alarm or an immobiliser such as a Thatcham S5 plus system.

A Thatcham S5 plus system offers an extra layer of protection from key-cloning, key theft and hacking through additional pro-active immobilisation technologies to protect your client's vehicle.

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