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## Car security

Western Australia has among the highest rates of car theft in the country. But by taking a few simple steps, you can reduce your chances of becoming a victim of car theft.

It is now compulsory to fit an approved car immobiliser on the purchase of a vehicle. Installing an immobiliser will not only make your vehicle much harder to steal, but it will be much less attractive to thieves.

[Click here for more information on vehicle immobilisers.](#)

### Look, lock, leave

To reduce the chances of motor vehicle theft and the theft of valuables from vehicles, take heed of the Look, Lock, Leave initiative.

Look to make sure you have left no valuables in your car, or that there are no valuables visible to passers-by. Make sure your vehicle is locked and windows closed before leaving your vehicle.

If you would like to see Look Lock Leave signs in any car parks in your locality, please contact your local Crime Prevention Officer.

### Some simple steps to protect your vehicle

- Park your car off the street, preferably in your yard or in a locked garage.
- If you need to park in the street at night, ensure you park in a well lit area.
- Have the Vehicle Identification Number etched into all major windows.
- Don't leave your keys in the ignition. Apart from being an invitation to potential offenders, this constitutes an offence if your vehicle is parked on a road.
- Don't leave valuable items in your vehicle.

- Spare keys should never be hidden on or in a vehicle.
- Remove cheque books, credit cards, driver's licence and registration papers from your glovebox.
- Keep all doors locked while driving.
- Check the rear seat of your car before getting in.
- Always close all windows and lock all doors before leaving your car.

[Click here to visit the Car Safe website where you can find more information on vehicle security.](#)



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