

REDUCING CAR CRIME

PREVENTING KEYLESS CAR THEFT

Criminals are using increasingly sophisticated methods to steal motor vehicles. Your vehicle could be at risk.



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Your motor vehicle could be at risk if it is controlled with an electronic key

- Organised criminals are able to steal some of these vehicles in less than 30 seconds.
- They do this by using specialist equipment to programme a blank key that is compatible with the vehicle.
- They do not need the original key. This means that they do not need to steal your key in order to steal your motor vehicle.

To reduce the chances of becoming a victim of keyless vehicle theft, please consider additional security measures:

- Consider using an approved car alarm, steering wheel lock or gearstick lock in addition to your vehicle's own security.
- Consider having an On-Board Diagnostics (OBD) lock professionally fitted to the OBD port.
- Always park your vehicle in a well-lit area, a garage, a staffed car park or an area covered by CCTV.

- Ensure that your vehicle is locked when leaving it, by double checking it is secure.
- Consider purchasing a tracking device, to increase the chances of your vehicle being traced if it is stolen.

For more information on vehicle security and keyless vehicle thefts, please see:

[www.met.police.uk/
keylessvehicletheft](http://www.met.police.uk/keylessvehicletheft)

For advice on recommended security devices, see:

www.thatcham.org/security
www.soldsecure.com

If you have any information about people committing this type of crime, please call Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

In an emergency dial 999. For all other enquiries call the non-emergency number **101** or visit our website **www.met.police.uk**. Follow us on Twitter **[@metpoliceuk](https://twitter.com/metpoliceuk)**