



This list was compiled by those involved with Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby council areas. Please contact your Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) at Hornsby Police Station for more information. Phone: 9476 9799.



OUR 20 FAVOURITE CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR **CAR OWNERS**

1. WHEN YOU LEAVE YOUR CAR UNATTENDED (even short periods), CLOSE ALL WINDOWS, REMOVE KEY FROM IGNITION & LOCK ALL DOORS. Remember, it's an offence under the Aussie Road Rules to leave your car unlocked.
2. DON'T HIDE SPARE KEYS ON YOUR VEHICLE. Don't kid yourself—thieves know ALL the best hiding places!
3. ENSURE YOU HAVE REMOVED ALL PROPERTY FROM VIEW [mobile phone, sunglasses, CDs (burn copies?), bag, wallet, loose change, clothing, laptop, iPod]. EITHER TAKE IT WITH YOU, OR LOCK IT IN THE BOOT. REMOVE ALL SIGNS THAT PROPERTY MAY BE IN THE CAR. eg no blankets covering tempting lumps on the back seat, no carrier bags.
4. REMOVE ANY GPS FROM SIGHT. IF IT WAS MOUNTED ON THE WINDSCREEN—REMOVE THE TELL-TALE MARK.
5. DO NOT OVERLOAD VEHICLES. KNOW YOUR VEHICLE'S LIMIT. It's worth making two trips.
6. PARK IN WELL-LIT, HIGH PEDESTRIAN AREAS, PREFERABLY WITH CCTV. AVOID CAR PARKS WITH A HISTORY OF BREAK-INS.
7. STAY ALERT WHILE APPROACHING YOUR CAR. GET YOUR KEYS OUT OF YOUR BAG READY. DON'T CLICK THE REMOTE CONTROL UNTIL YOU ARE CLOSE TO THE VEHICLE. LOOK AROUND & INSIDE THE CAR BEFORE GETTING IN.
8. CONSIDER INSTALLING A HIGH QUALITY ALARM, TRACKING/SECURITY SYSTEM and/or LOCKING DEVICES ON THE STEERING WHEEL OR TRANSMISSION SHIFT—all good deterrents. The most effective car alarms are switched-on people!
9. CONSIDER INSTALLING A FUEL CUT-OUT SWITCH and/or ENGINE IMMOBILISER—the most effective way to beat a thief.
10. DON'T LEAVE PERSONAL PAPERS SUCH AS LICENCE OR REGISTRATION IN YOUR VEHICLE. They may be used to dispose of the vehicle. However, do keep with you a note of your vehicle registration & information no. (VIN).

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11. LOCK VEHICLES IN FRONT OF HOME, ON THE DRIVEWAY, IN THE GARAGE - easily forgotten if you're in the garden.
12. DISPLAY A SIGN 'ALL VALUABLES HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THIS VEHICLE'. CONSIDER LEAVING THE GLOVE BOX AND/OR CENTRE CONSOLE OPEN. This proves to thieves there is nothing worth taking.
13. BEWARE BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVELS THE-MORNING-AFTER-THE-NIGHT-BEFORE. Does your work depend on your licence?
14. REMEMBER TO TAKE YOUR PARKING TICKET WITH YOU. This makes it difficult for the thief to steal your car.
15. USE A HANDS-FREE KIT FOR YOUR PHONE. Preferably, keep phone calls & messaging for later.
16. CHECK THE PERSONAL PROPERTY SECURITY REGISTER www.ppsr.gov.au TO SEE IF A VEHICLE HAS AN OUTSTANDING DEBT. (You can also check machinery, crops, livestock & accounts. It accesses the NATIONAL EXCHANGE OF VEHICLE & DRIVER INFORMATION SYSTEM (NEDVIS) ie whether the car has been written-off, stolen, its make, model, colour etc.
17. CONSIDER NOT INCLUDING 'HOME' IN YOUR GPS, BUT A NON-EXISTENT ADDRESS NEARBY. If your car is stolen & you have a garage door opener, the thief won't have easy access to your house.
18. KEEP YOUR CAR KEYS BY YOUR BED AT NIGHT. The remote control can be used as a panic button in an emergency, setting off the car alarm. DON'T BE TEMPTED TO LEAVE KEYS ON THE TABLE BY THE FRONT DOOR OR KITCHEN COUNTER.
19. LOCK CAR DOORS WHEN TRAVELLING AT NIGHT. DON'T STOP TO ASSIST A STRANGER WHOSE CAR IS BROKEN DOWN. Instead, help by phoning the Police.
20. IF YOU LEAVE A KEY WITH A VALET ATTENDANT OR MECHANIC, LEAVE ONLY THE IGNITION KEY.

FOR EMERGENCIES (Including anyone on your property)	000
TO REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS (Crime Stoppers)	1 800 333 000
TO REPORT NON-EMERG CRIME (Police Assistance Line)	131 444
IF YOU'RE NOT SURE (Hornsby Police Station)	9476 9799