

Tips to stop relay theft

Recently there has been an increase in keyless car theft, also known as relay theft. Once thieves have targeted a vehicle, they use smart devices which transmit a signal identical in nature to the genuine key. This signal enables the doors to open and the ignition to be started, meaning your vehicle can be stolen within seconds.



Here are a few simple steps you should take.

1. Keep keys away from doors and windows

Storing keys in a signal blocking or faraday pouch is recommended as it stops thieves from being able to transmit the signal used in relay theft. Signal blocking pouches are readily available online.

4. Remove personal items from view

Don't leave mobile phones, satellite navigation or other electronics that could be tempting.

2. Use physical barriers

Steering wheel locks or other immobilising devices, in addition to professionally installed trackers, act as deterrents. Trackers alone cannot be relied upon, as thieves can often override these devices preventing the vehicle from being traced.

5. Check doors are locked

Physically check that all doors are locked as thieves are known to use devices to block signals when you lock the car.

3. Park defensively

Ideally in a garage overnight, but if on a driveway, then as close as possible to the property so access is made more difficult.

6. Keep subscriptions up to date

Ensure any tracker subscriptions are renewed as cover may be affected if your subscription is not live and your policy requires you to have an operative tracker.

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