

Frosty morning warning, don't make your car cosy for criminals

With the weather forecast set to turn colder over the coming week, please follow the below crime prevention advice:

Thieves are opportunists, looking for an easy way to steal items of value from an unlocked or unattended vehicle. This could be cash left on display, a sat nav from the glovebox, a mobile phone from the dashboard or perhaps tools kept overnight in a work van.

Facts:

- Every year, vehicles are stolen from driveways and outside homes when owners leave them to warm up with the key in the ignition.
- Car thieves watch the weather forecast too and will be out early in the morning on the lookout for vehicles left unattended.
- High value vehicles are often targeted in this way as their advanced security technology makes them difficult to steal unless they already have the engine running and the key in the ignition.
- Your insurance may not pay out if you are in any way deemed responsible for the theft.

Crime Prevention Advice:

- Stay with your vehicle and if you're in a rush, use de-icing spray and a scraper to speed up the process.
- Sit inside your vehicle while the heater de-mists the windscreen.

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