

Personal Safety & Parking Your Car

- Avoid poorly lit car parks.
- Whenever possible, choose a manned car park and park as close as you can to the attendant.
- Reverse into the space. Hide away all valuables and obvious possessions.
- Make sure the interior light is working. Shut all windows. Lock all doors. Note exactly where you have parked your car.
- If you collect a ticket on entering the car park, do not leave it in the car, as this will make it easier for a thief to steal your vehicle.
- When returning to your car, have your keys ready so that you can get in quickly. Before entering scan the back seat to check no-one has climbed in.
- Once you are in the car lock the doors immediately and drive off quickly.
- **Doors** - Lock them every time you leave your car.
- **Windows** - Close all windows. Etch an identification number on all windows, headlamps and sunroof.
- **Ignition Keys** - Remove your ignition key on every occasion you leave your vehicle. Invest in security devices to help prevent or detect any criminal activity.
- **Stereos** - Security code your stereo equipment. Fit a security device or have a detachable unit.
- **Documents** - Never leave vehicle documents in your car. Your registration document, MOT and insurance certificate will help the thief sell your vehicle.
- **Luggage and Valuables** - Do not leave any luggage or valuables on display, as they will catch the eye of the opportunistic thief. Credit cards should never be left in the car. One in five of all credit card thefts occur from unattended vehicles.