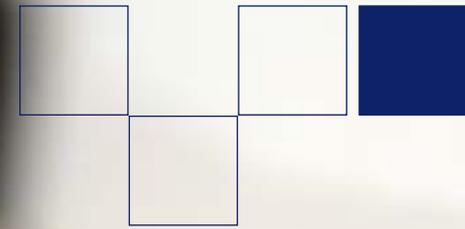


# MOTOR VEHICLE SECURITY

Look, Lock and Leave



## How to help us

If your car is stolen report it to police immediately, giving the registration number, make, model, colour and the time and place of the offence.

If you have information that can assist police in recovering a stolen motor vehicle, call Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000**.

## Need help?

For police assistance in the ACT you can call police 24 hours, seven days a week on **131 444** or go to a police station nearest you.

If it is a life threatening situation you can call the emergency number on **000** free call.

## ACT Police Stations

### Canberra City

London Circuit  
Canberra City ACT 2601  
6245 7208

### Belconnen

Lathlain Street  
Belconnen ACT 2617  
6256 1777

### Gungahlin

(open until 11.00pm,  
seven days)  
Gozzard Street  
Gungahlin ACT 2912  
6241 7755

### Tuggeranong

Cnr Soward Way and  
Anketell Street  
Greenway ACT 2900  
6293 7777

### Woden

Bradley Street  
Phillip ACT 2606  
6269 2777

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CRIMEPREVENTION





**Motor vehicle theft is unfortunately one of the most common types of theft in the ACT, but with a few precautions and greater community awareness it can be greatly reduced.**

#### **The effects of car theft on the community**

Car theft not only causes trauma and cost to the individual but to the whole community. Stolen cars can be used to commit other, more serious crimes such as armed robbery or house burglaries.

#### **How to protect your car from theft**

By applying a few simple strategies you can reduce the opportunity for crime and decrease the chances of your car being stolen.

- ▶ Always lock doors and close windows when your vehicle is unattended.
- ▶ Park your car in the street and use an area that is well lit at night.
- ▶ If you must leave valuables in your car, make sure they are locked away out of sight.
- ▶ Spare keys should never be hidden in or on the car.
- ▶ If you have a garage, use it rather than leave your car in the driveway or on the street.
- ▶ Remove cheque books, credit cards, driver's licence and registration papers from the glove box.
- ▶ Record serial numbers of valuables and details of your car such as make, model and engine number.
- ▶ Engrave or mark your property with your driver's licence number preceded by 'A' for the ACT. Also mark your licence number on several places in the car.
- ▶ When your car is being repaired leave only the ignition key.
- ▶ Avoid placing your name, address and registration number on keys.
- ▶ Take your car keys with you or hide them when you leave your car at home unattended.

#### **Anti-theft devices you can use**

Time spent identifying your property and securing your car is time well spent. The following anti-theft devices are currently available to help you secure your car:

- ▶ engine immobiliser;
- ▶ ignition shield;
- ▶ fuel cut-out switch;
- ▶ ultrasonic motion sensor (detects movement inside the car);
- ▶ glass etching (Vehicle Identity Number) on motor vehicle;
- ▶ glass break detector;
- ▶ high powered electronic noise maker and stand by power unit;
- ▶ battery isolator;
- ▶ steering wheel lock;
- ▶ hand brake lock;
- ▶ transmission lock; and
- ▶ wheel lock.

