

GUARD-ALERT GAZETTE

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PROTECT YOUR VEHICLE

Cars are one of our most prized assets and as such need ultimate protection from thieves. Great inconvenience and expense is faced if a thief was to break into your car and steal the valuables left inside, or if the whole car is stolen. Thieves can break into a vehicle while it is parked at your house or at robots and intersection-smash and grab or while the car is parked in a public place. Below are a few tips to keep in mind in order that you safeguard your vehicle from thieves.

1. Lock your vehicleyes this appears as if it is an obvious point but some individuals have been known not to lock their vehicles as they convince themselves that they will not spend too long at the shops. "Just a second" is all the time a thief will need. Also make sure that windows are completely closed.



- 2. Place all valuables out of sight, preferably in the car boot where thieves cannot easily see them. Thieves know where to look and the first place they look is underneath blankets or seats. It would help to transfer the valuables away from the place where you intend to park so that the would be thief does not see you transferring valuables to your boot
- 3. Bags are a temptation to would be thieves; therefore even if they are full of old clothes thieves will still try their luck and break into your vehicle.
- 4. Do not keep vehicle registration books and identity cards it would be easy for the thief to use the documents for change of ownership without your consent.

- 5. If you discover a puncture shortly after starting your car be aware that this is very possibly a ploy to get you to stop and rob you so select carefully where you are going to stop
- 6. Be aware of and do not stop at obstructions in the road-try and drive around them, or if it becomes necessary to remove the obstruction make sure that

you switch off the engine and lock the car before disembarking and be aware of your surroundings

- 7. Never exit the vehicle with the engine running, especially when you are opening the gate at your house or just "popping" in to a local shop
- 8. Park in busy and well lit areas- thieves do not like being observed or being in plain sight
- 9. Do not leave car keys in an easily accessible place as thieves will be able to easily access them and use your car for a quick getaway. Do not leave spare keys in the car- thieves know where to look



- 10. Mark all removable components on the vehicle so that you can easily trace them
- 11. Fit an alarm on your vehicle- and remember to set it when you disembark from your vehicle
- 12. Fit a vehicle tracking device on your vehicle. This will be the best way to track and recover your vehicle quickly in case it is stolen. Contact Guard-Alert Electronics for a quotation
- 13. In the unfortunate event of your car being stolen, report the theft immediately to the local police station

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