

Security For Your Vehicle

A lot of crime is against cars, motorbikes and bicycles; either the theft of them, or from them. Most of this crime can be prevented by following some simple tips, which are detailed in this section.

Tips for vehicle security

- When you leave your car **always** lock the doors, close the windows and remove your stereo, if you can; even if it's just for a short amount of time.
- **Don't** leave anything on display in your car; even a jacket can seem like an appealing target for a thief as it could contain valuables in the pockets.
- **Don't** keep documents in your car.
- Try to park in a car park that has 'secured car park' accreditation. Accredited car parks will display a sign, or you can find your local one on the [Park Mark: Safer parking website](#).
- When you leave your bicycle, lock it to something secure, such as a lamppost, or use a bike rack.

Other useful information

- Age UK's guide [Staying Safe](#)

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Useful Organisations

Northumbria Police

Email: central.ceo@northumbria.pnn.police.uk

Website: www.northumbria.police.uk

Telephone: 101

Northumbria Police – Neighbourhood Watch

Website: <http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/>

Telephone: 101

Crimestoppers

Website: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org>

Telephone: 0800 555 111

Address: Crimestoppers Trust, SM6 6BG

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