

## 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](#)
- [Fearless.org](#) provides non-judgemental information and advice about crime. You can send information about a crime anonymously using their website. It educates and empowers young people about crime, allowing them to feel Fearless when speaking up against crime.

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## Useful Organisations

### Northumbria Police

**Website:** [www.northumbria.police.uk](http://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

## **Fearless.org**

**Website:** <https://www.fearless.org>

**Telephone:** 020 8835 3700

**Address:** Crimestoppers Trust, SM6 6BG

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