



**Neighbourhood Watch**  
*Creating Safer Communities*



VICTORIA POLICE

# REMOVE IT, LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

Thefts from cars have occurred in this area.  
This notice may stop you becoming the next victim.

**BY SIMPLY REMOVING VALUABLE ITEMS FROM DISPLAY AND LOCKING YOUR VEHICLE, YOU SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF BEING A VICTIM OF CRIME.**

Most thieves break into cars because they see something they want inside. Thieves will break windows and damage locks in a matter of seconds in order to steal your valuables or even just for the spare change in the console.

**By following a few simple tips you can prevent the theft of your valuables.**

- Close all windows and lock all doors before leaving your car unattended.
- Never leave valuable items on view in your vehicle. Remove GPS and cradle, mobile phones, iPods, laptops, CD's, money, sunglasses, bags and sporting equipment.
- Do not place items in your boot, console or under your front seat; you never know who is watching. If it's valuable, take it with you.
- Remove the suction mark left by your GPS cradle on the windscreen. Thieves will often break into a vehicle looking for a GPS unit hidden in the vehicle.
- Do not leave loose change within view; thieves will do hundreds of dollars worth of damage to steal small amounts of money.
- Power cables from cigarette lighter sockets are signs of a valuable item probably hidden in the vehicle. Remove these from view.

**FOR IMMEDIATE POLICE ASSISTANCE CALL 000**

**TO REPORT INFORMATION ABOUT A CRIME,  
CONTACT CRIME STOPPERS ON 1800 333 000**

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