

Horsham District Neighbourhood Watch Association



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1. Make sure all windows and doors are locked, plus alarms are set if applicable.
2. Make sure all keys are removed.
3. Always lock your vehicle, even if left unattended for a few minutes, for example on a petrol forecourt.
4. Make sure all valuables are removed from the vehicle, e.g., iPad(s)/tablet(s) mobile(s) bags, purse/wallet, Sat Nav, and any loose change.
5. Install a tracker to facilitate recovery if a theft should occur.
6. Install an engine immobiliser if your vehicle does not have one as standard. See <https://rebrand.ly/Immobiliser>
7. Fit a steering wheel lock. *Please see notes below.
8. Fit a catalytic converter guard, have the catalytic converter engraved, and consider adding a sticker to the car window stating the catalytic converter has a guard fitted.
9. Remove any identifiable documentation from vehicles: service books, letters or anything showing addresses, or personal data that may be useful to thieves.
10. Ensure car keys are not stored near house entrance doors to avoid relay theft. Please read about keyless cars: <https://rebrand.ly/KeylessCars> and Faraday pouches for keyless cars: <https://rebrand.ly/KeyPouches>
11. Ensure pedal cycles are locked and marked. There is a marker kit project being run by the Neighbourhood Wardens with Horsham District Council. This operation has also been sponsored by Horsham District Neighbourhood Watch. Alert messages will notify everyone of marker kit implementation dates in 2023.
12. If you observe any suspicious activity please report it and, if safe to do so, please obtain photographs or videos to assist the police. **Do not approach criminals.** See how to report here: <https://rebrand.ly/CrimeReport>
13. It is also worth reading this page about key jamming: <https://rebrand.ly/KeyJammers>

* Steering wheel locks have come under a lot of criticism over the years. However, they add a layer of security and several minutes to the length of time it takes to steal a vehicle. Read more about this here: <https://rebrand.ly/SteeringLocks>