

Bedford and District Neighbourhood Watch



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VEHICLE CRIME ALERT

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Bedfordshire Police and Neighbourhood Watch want to alert you to vehicle crime in your area. We would encourage you to report any suspicious activity.

Thankfully, most vehicle crime is easy to prevent. Following the advice here will help to lessen your chances of becoming a victim of vehicle crime.

When leaving your car

- Don't leave anything inside your car. Items such as Phones and purses can encourage a break-in when visible.
- Remove the stereo or fascia if possible
- Remove navigation devices if possible, including the support cradle.
- Wipe away any suction pad marks left on the dashboard or windscreen. Criminals look for the circles where they have been stuck, even when removed.
- I Phones, I Pads and Sat Navs can be fitted with tracking devices. The Police can trace these if stolen.
- Close windows and sunroof and lock the doors and boot.
- Keep your car parked in a garage if possible and lock both vehicle and garage.
- When away from home, or if you don't have a garage, always try to park in a well-lit open location.



An active Neighbourhood Watch Area is a safer area

Our aims:

1. To develop safer local communities and improve quality of life.
2. To involve the local community in the prevention and reduction of crime.
3. To raise community confidence by reducing the fear of crime.
4. Neighbourhood Watch helps to reduce the opportunities for crimes to occur

Help reduce CATalytic converter theft:

- Don't park your car/van half on the pavement as it makes it easier for the thieves to get underneath it.
- Park in a well-lit area and in a secure position if possible.
- Consider property marking your 'CAT'. It is cheap and may reduce your insurance.



A sign in your window saying your 'CAT' has been marked may well deter thieves.

If you would like to know more about Neighbourhood Watch, or start a new scheme in your road, contact:

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Protecting The Contents Of Your Car

***Thieves are interested in the contents of your car.
But remember, if a car door cannot be opened and the contents
removed in a few seconds generally they will not bother.***

Extra precautions

- If your car doesn't have an alarm, get one fitted and use it each time you park.
- Protect your tax disc with a tamper proof disc holder available from the Post Office.
- An immobiliser or a steering lock can help secure older vehicles and could reduce your insurance premium.
- Look after your car keys and keep them out of sight, even at home.
- Secure expensive alloy wheels using locking wheel nuts.
- Have the vehicle registration number etched on your windows.
- Secure number plates with anti-tamper or clutch head screws or purchase theft resistant number plates that break into small pieces when removed.
- Never store driving documents in the car. Keep them at home.



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