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## Crime Prevention Corner

## **Car Security Begins at Home**

Most of us rely heavily on our vehicles for daily activities. Having a vehicle, such as a car stolen can be stressful, inconvenient and costly. Most thefts are opportunistic including theft of vehicles.

In Australia a total of **16,322** cars, motorcycles and trucks were stolen across Queensland last financial year (2018/2019). This equates to 44.7 per day; almost two per cent per hour (1.96). (<a href="https://mypolice.qld.gov.au">https://mypolice.qld.gov.au</a>)

- Half of all cars stolen are taken from the home.
- Another 25% are stolen from a garage or the street outside the owner's home.

## **Top 5 Strategies to Protect Your Vehicle**

- 1. Always keep your vehicle locked and secured even if only leaving it for a moment.
- 2. Keep the keys to your vehicle in a hidden location NOT on the kitchen bench or visible key rack.
- 3. Remove ALL valuables from your vehicle.
- 4. Consider installing a steering wheel lock, car alarm or immobiliser.
- 5. Consider installing a GPS tracking device with live monitoring.

Download a free security assessment guide from: www.carsecuritybeginsathome.com