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Crime Prevention Corner

Vehicle Security Tips for Families

- The majority of crimes reported in Bayside suburbs every week involve motor vehicles. Vehicles are either stolen or have valuables stolen from inside. Vehicles parked in public places including streets and carparks at night are particularly vulnerable.
- Most of these crimes are committed by juveniles or young adult males.
- A significant factor why these crimes occur are that as many as one in seven vehicles (approximately 15 %) are left unlocked and / or insecure ie: valuables left in plain view inside the vehicle.

Owners can minimise the risk of becoming victims of crime by taking some simple precautions.

- Lock it or Lose it! Make sure your vehicle is secured and remove belongings when you leave it unattended, right down to loose coins. GPS units, dash cameras, mobile phones, tablets etc are extremely popular with thieves and easy to dispose of.
- Keep your car key out of sight inside your home – not on the kitchen bench. Often, car keys are stolen during house break-ins, allowing the offender to gain access to the vehicle at a later time / date.
- Keep your garage door closed and secure at all times, even when you are at home.
- Lock your car when it is garaged and do not leave the key somewhere nearby.