



CAR & TRANSPORT SAFETY & SECURITY

Everyone wants to feel safe in their car or on public transport. People like to think their car will be safe in a public car park and that other drivers on the road will be courteous. Unfortunately, this is not always the case.

The following sections will cover simple steps to ensure your car protection and your safety whilst you are using public transport.

FACTS AND PREVENTION TIPS FOR CAR THEFT

Research has shown that there are generally two types of car thieves; those that offend when the opportunity arises and those who are professional car stealers.

The opportunist thief will commonly steal the car, take it for a joy ride or use it for further offending, damage it, and leave it abandoned.

The professional thief will steal cars with the intention of making a profit. They will either dismantle the car and sell the parts or renovate the car and sell it so that it is unidentifiable to the owner.



THESE ARE SOME SIMPLE TIPS FOR PREVENTION OF CAR THEFT:

- Close all windows and lock car doors when leaving your car unattended in any circumstance.
- Never leave your keys in the car.
- Avoid leaving valuable property in your car wherever possible.
- Do not leave registration papers in an unattended car.
- Never leave spare car keys in the car or anywhere a thief could easily find them.
- Steering wheel locks, wheel clamps or Australian Standards approved engine immobilizers are great security tools for preventing car theft.
- Park your vehicle in a well-lit and visible area.
- Wherever possible use secure or off-street parking.
- Consider attaching your number plates with 'one-way' screws that require a special tool to be removed.

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT SAFETY

The Ipswich region has a public transport system that is popular for those commuting to work and an overall transport option. It is important to feel safe whilst you are on public transport and to learn some safe strategies if a situation does arise whilst you are on or waiting for public transport.

Below are some tips and strategies for staying safe on public transport:

- Plan your trip in advance and ensure you have the most up-to-date timetable. Where possible consider taking someone along with you for the trip.
- If you do not feel comfortable sitting near someone at a station or on public transport, do not feel scared to move or shift seats and where possible move closer to an emergency button or the driver of the vehicle.
- When departing the public transport station ensure you are leaving at a safe exit or organize for someone to meet you at the destination. You should avoid getting off at a stop that is not well lit or requires you to walk a distance to your destination

