

Bath Ringmaster Message Number 3761

Because of the sophisticated nature of cars today, thieves often need to get hold of the keys to steal the car. They will look through the windows of properties to try and locate the keys and then try and gain access through unlocked doors or windows or by putting things like coat hangers or fishing lines through letterboxes or cat-flaps to try and get hold of them.

There are some things you can do to try and prevent this type of crime.

1. Don't leave your keys in an obvious place. Make it as difficult as possible for thieves to find them.
2. If you have a garage, keep your car in it and out of sight of prying eyes. Don't let a thief see what you have. Don't forget to keep the garage locked!
3. If you do keep your car on the driveway, consider fitting gates or security posts.
4. Keep your keys out of view at all times. Thieves don't actually need to get into your house to get hold them - they will often use implements to hook them and take them out through the letter box.
5. Remember to keep doors and windows locked.
6. Report any suspicious activity.
7. Contact your local Beat Team if you would like more advice on 0845 456 7000.