

Vehicle anti-theft protection advice

During the last few years, a significant increase in vehicle theft has been reported, as evident by the relevant statistical data of the Hellenic Police.

This is mainly the result of the continuous increase in crime and of installing digital technology solutions in vehicles, which allows the development of new vehicle theft methods, such as the use of radio transmitters in keyless vehicles.

Quite often, modern vehicle anti-theft systems have proven insufficient, while recognizable traditional vehicle anti-theft mechanical means work preventively.

In this context, it has been proven that personal care of the vehicle carried out by the driver through small, daily activities can significantly reduce the possibility of vehicle theft.

Therefore, we collected and present to you some ideas – suggestions that will help you protect your vehicle from theft:

- If you have an **indoor parking space**, this is where you should park your vehicle (especially during the night).
- **Make the thief's escape difficult.** When possible, choose to park your vehicle in street spaces with good lighting and avoid locations with an increased crime rate.
- **Make sure to always lock your vehicle**, even when you drive or park it for a few minutes.
- **Do not leave valuable items** inside the vehicle, especially if they are visible to passers-by.
- In the case you notice any **suspicious activities** in your neighborhood, call the Police.
- Make sure to keep your vehicle's keys at a **secure and non-apparent location**, so that you can protect yourselves from any possible vehicle theft, even in case of burglary.
- If you use **keyless technology solutions**, make sure to keep your keys away from third persons who could reproduce the vehicle's key signal. Moreover, deactivate the key immediately after locking the vehicle.

Do not forget that:

Delivering all vehicle keys in case of a theft, as well as when it's time to return the vehicle, once the lease is over, releases you from any additional costs.

It is important to immediately report a vehicle theft both to the Police and LeasePlan by calling the **Drivers' Help Line +30 2106100050 24/7 and all year round.**