

BULLETIN

All Members



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Alert from Victoria Police: Increase in Theft Of Motor Vehicles from Dealers/Auto Mechanics

Dear Member

Victoria Police has informed VACC of an increase in burglaries and theft of motor vehicles across the whole of Monash police service area. In particular from car dealerships as well as more recently auto mechanic workshops. The offenders are breaking in and ransacking premises until they find the keys of the vehicles and are then stealing the vehicles along with the hard drives from CCTV cameras.

Victoria Police has asked members to do the following

- Liaise with all staff and advise them of ongoing issue.
- Become extra vigilant when locking up the premises in the evening.
- Ensure all keys from vehicles are stored in a secure safe, if this is not possible remove keys from the premises overnight.
- Ensure any CCTV footage is backed up on icloud, so that if the hard drive is stolen at least the footage can still be accessed online.
- Ensure the stores have a working monitored alarm, with alerts be sent to owner/store managers mobile phones if/when activated. Likewise with CCTV cameras.
- Having CCTV footage readily available greatly assists police when trying to locate offenders.
- Recommend/Install one way anti-theft screws to customers vehicles.
- Consider educating customers about benefits of having GPS trackers installed in their vehicles/ recommend it be fitted at reduced rate while being serviced.
- If possible when returning vehicles to customers educate them about ongoing issue with motor vehicle crime and advise them on how best to secure their vehicles information regarding these issues can be found by clicking the links below:

[Preventing Theft of Motor Vehicles](#)

[Preventing Thefts From Motor Vehicles](#)

[Preventing Number Plate Theft](#)

Regards

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