

URGENT! Cars and motorcycles being stolen at dealerships again

VACC member Licensed Motor Car Traders (LMCTs) have experienced an upsurge of vehicles that have been stolen from dealerships.

- In one instance in the past 24 hours one dealership in the Eastern Suburbs of Melbourne had 15 vehicles stolen overnight.
- In other instances, this week motorcycle dealers advise of individuals not returning motorcycles after test rides, with a focus on BMW S1000RR as a preferred model of theft.

How were vehicles stolen?

It was believed that perpetrators were able to force entry into the dealership and gain access to the dealerships Key Safe. The safe was forced open.

The motorcycle theft brazen, the use a licence that is thought to be fake as a form of rider ID.

VicPol advice to LMCTs

- VACC has been in communication with the Victorian Police (VicPol) Vehicle Crime Squad - State-Anti Gangs Division – Crime Command who have asked for VACC to advise LMCTs to tighten up on security of afterhours access to keys for dealer and customer vehicles left on the premises.
- It is a view of VicPol that keys should either be taken off-site after hours or a key safe is completely out of the line of sight for any person not familiar with the business.

VACC advice

- VACC recommends that your dealership immediately review your system of key security as well as review who has access to that key security system.
- VACC also recommends that all LMCTs have adequate insurance coverage for such instances.
- If your business has concerns or issues with vehicle theft, please advise your local VicPol by calling 131 444. Please also advise me at VACC on 03 9829 1280 to escalate the issue to the Vehicle Crime Squad - State-Anti Gangs Division – Crime Command .

Here to help.