

Bulletin

Industry Divisions



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Dear Member



This is a reminder to remain vigilant regarding car thefts especially as most of you are busily trying to clear the backlog of work before the end of year. The Victorian Police Department contacted VACC this week, raising concerns relating to an increase in vehicle thefts where cars have been left outside with the keys left inside the vehicle. Opportunistic thieves particularly in the Frankston area have been targeting workshops of late, car parts such as catalytic converters are also being targeted due to the high scrap metal value.

According to the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council (NMVTRC), 7 out of 10 cars are stolen with their own keys^[1], with the latest car theft statistics recording 12,651 vehicles as stolen during the 20/21 period.^[2]

It may be an opportune time to discuss this issue with your staff and ensure they are aware of their responsibilities and workplace procedures. Also, important to note, insurance companies are known to deny claims where vehicles have been stolen with keys left in them. Please ensure you have adequate security measures in place such as keeping your client's vehicle and car keys securely locked away overnight or during the day when not in use.

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[1] <http://carsafe.com.au/pop-lock-stop>

[2] [Ibid](#)