



**Don't give criminals an  
easy ride by leaving  
your car running**



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**Although vehicle crime is low across Warwickshire and West Mercia, cars are stolen from driveways every winter because owners leave them unattended, with the keys in the ignition, while they warm up and the windscreens defrost.**

Some vehicle owners nip inside for just a few seconds to collect a bag or finish the last mouthful of coffee – but that’s all the time an opportunist thief needs.

Insurance companies may not pay out for cars stolen in this way – and if your house keys are taken as well, you’re making your home vulnerable.

Freeze out car thieves on frosty mornings:

- Clear windscreens with de-icer and a scraper
- Sit in your vehicle while the heater de-mists the windscreen

**For more vehicle security advice, visit:**

**[www.warwickshire.police.uk](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk)**

**[www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)**

**If you see anyone acting suspiciously, contact the police.**

**Call: 101 (non-emergency)**

**Remember, in an emergency always dial 999**