Car theft stats

A vehicle is stolen every 10 minutes in Australia, with around 60,000 thefts per year.

City of Gold Coast (City) had a total vehicle theft rate per 1,000 population of 3.67 in 2012. Unfortunately, we were ranked second out of a total of 72 Council’s in Queensland.

Older vehicles are most likely to be stolen, many are recovered but are found with significant and costly damage.

A large proportion of car theft are opportunistic and therefore preventable. Taking precautionary measures can reduce your chances of becoming a victim of car theft.

City works together with The National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council (Car Safe) and RACQ Insurance to reduce car theft on the Gold Coast.

Remove temptation and help to drive down vehicle theft:

- when leaving your vehicle unattended, fully close the windows, lock all the doors and take your keys with you.
- never leave valuables in plain view, even if your car is locked. Taking them with you is better than trying to hide them out of view.
- never leave your car running unattended or keys in the ignition.
- install a car engine immobiliser.

Further information

For information about local programs, phone 07 5581 6603.

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