



Dear Resident,

I am writing to you to bring to your attention that there have been recent Hanoi burglaries within the area that you live.

A Hanoi burglary is an offence where a burglary is committed, during which vehicle keys are located and that vehicle is then stolen.

This type of offence used to be quite rare, with vehicle keys normally being stolen after being seen during the burglary.

We have now identified that criminals are targeting houses for specific vehicles, and the burglary is committed with the intention of locating the vehicle keys so the vehicle can be stolen.

As the keys are being used to steal the vehicle, all the built in security measures such as the alarm or immobiliser are turned off, so there will be no warning the vehicle has been stolen.

Through analysis of recent crimes, we have identified that certain high value vehicles are being targeted, and that is the reason that you are receiving this letter.

I believe you should be provided with this information, so that you are aware that your vehicle may be targeted, and only with this information, will you be able to look at crime reduction options to reduce the risk of that taking place.

The main method used by the offenders to commit these offences is they gain access to the rear of a property, and then use a technique called lock snapping to gain entry through the door. They then search for the vehicle keys within the property and steal the vehicle from outside.

Please consider the following tips to reduce the risk of you becoming a victim of crime.

- Consider motion activated CCTV that will alert you if motion is detected.
- If you have CCTV, put signs up that advertises that you have it.
- Ensure that any gates to the rear of your property are locked, rather than just closed.
- Consider security lighting around your property.
- Ensure that your doors and windows are closed and locked.
- Consider fitting anti-lock snapping lock barrels on all external doors.
- If you have a house alarm, ensure it is activated. If you do not, consider having an alarm fitted.

- Consider fitting window alarms.
- Consider 'safe' places to keep your vehicle keys, rather than a drawer next to the door for example.
- Ensure any driveway gates are locked, not just closed.
- Consider using physical security, such as a steering wheel lock, we recommend a solid secure gold standard lock as a minimum.
- Can you block your car in with another vehicle.
- Consider parking your vehicle in a garage if you have one, and ensure the garage is locked and alarmed.
- Consider installing a tracker on your vehicle.
- If you see anything suspicious, contact the Police, as that contact, could prevent a crime taking place.

More crime reduction information is also available on the Secured by Design website – [www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com)

Finally, I want to give you my assurance that Humberside Police will continue to work with partner agencies to investigate and reduce the offences that are taking place, and to target the offenders who attempt to harm the communities in Humberside.

Yours Sincerely,

Epworth Community Policing Team