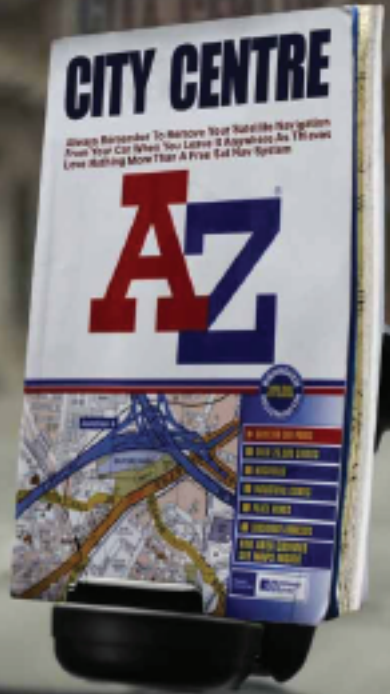


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You wouldn't normally leave £300 sitting on your dashboard when you park your car would you? But that's exactly what you're doing if you leave your sat nav on display. Car thieves like to window shop as well and if you give them a chance they will take it.

To them your sat nav is worth £50-£70 when they sell it on illegally. However, you will end up having to repair any damage caused breaking in to your car - replacing a window or repairing a door - and of course buying new sat nav equipment. It will be a lot of hassle. It's also going to be expensive.

But it doesn't have to be like that. You can significantly reduce the chance of your vehicle being targeted by taking a few simple precautions:

- Disconnect and remove your sat nav every time you leave your car
- Remove the suction mounted fittings and erase any marks they leave
- Don't put the sat nav in the glove compartment – thieves may be watching you
- Make a note of the serial number of your equipment and keep it in a safe place
- Put your house number and postcode on the equipment using an ultraviolet marker
- Park in a well lit, busy area or a secure car park

In West Mercia 65% of sat nav thefts take place after 4pm – 38% between 8pm and midnight. The majority are taken from vehicles left in car parks and parked on private driveways.

MAKE SURE YOU DON'T BECOME A VICTIM OF CRIME