

This is a message from Northamptonshire West Police...

Please be advised to lock your vehicle whenever it is left unattended, no matter how briefly you intend to be away from it.

During the afternoon of the 10th September, a lady's handbag was taken from the footwell of her car whilst she was visiting her local tip in Northampton.

Similar crimes could easily happen anywhere e.g. if your vehicle is left unlocked on a garage forecourt while you're paying for fuel, or when you jump out of your car to pop into your local shop just for a minute.

Please don't make it easy for opportunist thieves to operate.

Lock your vehicle whenever you leave it.

Thank you.

Call the Northamptonshire Police switchboard on 08453 700700 or 999 in an emergency. Alternatively call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.