

Preventing Number Plate Theft

Over 10,000 number plates are stolen each year in Victoria. These are often used to commit further serious offences such as:

- Petrol drive-offs
- Avoiding speeding and parking fines
- Burglaries and drug trafficking.

With a few simple steps you can help prevent serious crimes and save yourself the trouble and expense of getting new number plates.

Key Crime Prevention Tips

- **Secure** your number plates with one-way, anti-theft screws
- **Park** in a secure and well-lit area
- **Report** the theft of number plates to your local police.

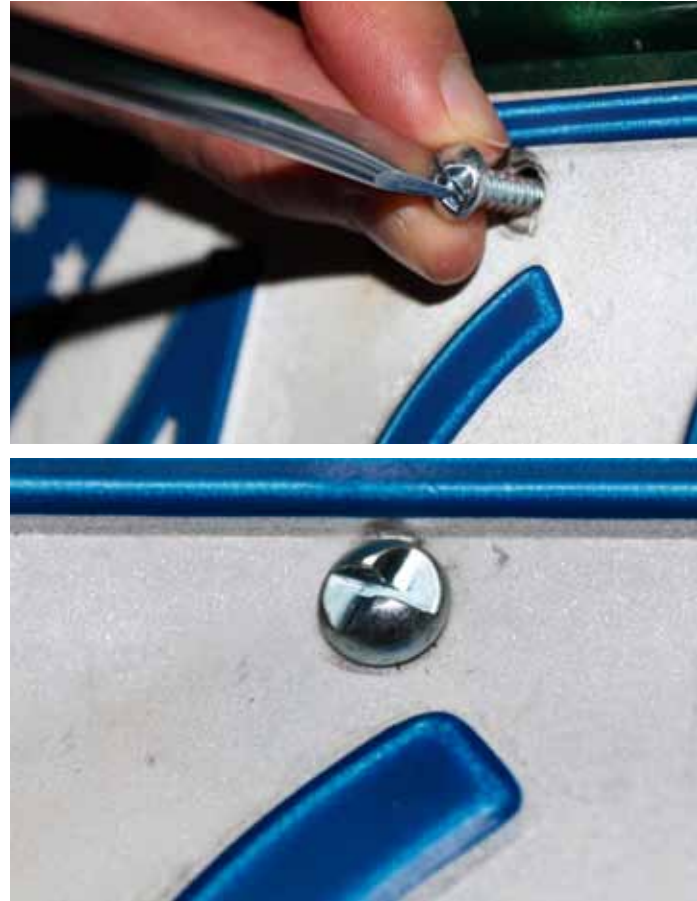
Secure Your Number Plates

- One-way, anti-theft screws can be installed using a standard screwdriver, but require a special tool to remove
- Most hardware stores stock a selection of anti-theft screws
- Alternative suitable fasteners include pop rivets and secure surrounds.

Park Securely

Number plate thefts occur most often when cars are parked in residential areas or on a street or lane. Park where it is more difficult for thieves to access your car.

- Park in a locked garage where possible
- Park off the street in your driveway if you don't have a garage
- Park in a well-lit area to increase the risk that others will detect thieves.



If Your Number Plates Are Stolen

- Always report the theft of your number plates to local police immediately as this can assist police to identify stolen number plates and detect offenders
- Visit VicRoads to obtain a new set of number plates: www.vicroads.vic.gov.au
- Notify your insurance company of your new registration details
- If you have an account with EastLink or CityLink, advise them of your new registration details.



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