

## Tips For Keeping Your Caravan Secure

The Harder You Make It...

Most [caravan](#) thieves look for the easy targets. Unlocked doors, unsecured wheels and similar occasions provide them with the opportunity for a quick steal. So, prevention goes a long way. Whether you're touring the country or staying home, here are a few steps you should take to secure your caravan:

**Use Wheel clamps** - Invest in a good wheel-clamp. It's likely that you'll need to buy one in order to have insurance. Plus, they can make stealing your van practically impossible. But, when you purchase your wheel-clamp, make certain that it's a model that is "Sold Secure" approved. Many insurance companies consider them one of the most dependable wheelclamps on the market.

**Lock Up** - This is common sense. However, you'd be surprised by the number of caravan owners who either forget to lock up their van or simply neglect to do so out of laziness. An unlocked caravan is an easy target for thieves. If you're going to leave your van unoccupied for any length of time, close the windows and lock the doors.

**Buy An Alarm** - Locking your doors and closing your windows is a start. But, for some added security, invest in a good alarm system. If your caravan moves unexpectedly or a thief enters, the alarm will trigger. Some systems even come with satellite tracking so you can find your van in the event it's stolen. But, again, theft prevention is the key.

**Know Your Neighbours** - Some caravan sites can only offer a low level of security. When you're pitching in such sites, get to know your neighbours. Watch out for their van and possessions and ask them to watch for yours. That way, if anyone suspicious is near your caravan, your neighbour can prevent a potential theft.

Prevention Is Paramount

The key to preventing your caravan from being stolen is making it a hard target for potential thieves. Simple things like putting a wheel-clamp on the side of your van that faces a site's entry can be enough to thwart would-be criminals. Also, lock up if you're going to leave your van unattended for awhile, buy an alarm system and introduce yourself to other caravan owners. You'll find these actions are likely to prevent your van (or your possessions) from being taken from you.

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