

An Garda Síochána



NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

**Mobile Phone
Theft Prevention
Tips**



The Garda Síochána National Crime Prevention Unit wish to advise, that taking the following practical measures can help in preventing and reducing Mobile Phone theft;

- 1. Register your Mobile Phone with your Service Provider.**
- 2. Take careful note of your unique 15 Digit Mobile Phone IMEI number. (The IMEI number is located on the back of your phone underneath the battery, or you can locate it by dialling * # 06 # on your keypad).**
- 3. Enable the PIN Security feature and keep your Phone locked at all times.**
- 4. When out and about, keep your Mobile Phone out of public view, be streetwise and always be aware of your surroundings.**
- 5. Never leave your Mobile Phone behind in an unattended vehicle.**
- 6. Property mark your Phone with unique personal letters or numbers.**
- 7. Avoid making calls or texting on your Phone while crossing the road.**
- 8. If making or receiving a Mobile Phone call in public, always do so with your back up against the wall or a shop window etc so that you can see around you and reduce the opportunity to be attacked from behind.**
- 9. If you have a SmartPhone, consider downloading a location finder App.**
- 10. If your Mobile Phone is lost or stolen, immediately report it to An Garda Síochána and contact your Service Provider in order to have your IMEI number blocked, so that it can't be used.**

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