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A clear, printable checklist based on Article 1: What To Do Immediately If Your Car Is Stolen in the UK.

#### 1. Confirm the Car Is Actually Missing

- Check you didn't park elsewhere
- Ensure the vehicle hasn't been clamped or towed
- Confirm no family member or colleague borrowed it
- Check for restricted parking zones

#### 2. Report the Theft to the Police

- Call 101 (or 999 if theft is in progress)
- Provide:
  - Registration number
  - Make, model, colour
  - Last known location
  - Time/date last seen
  - Distinguishing features
  - Tracker details (if fitted)
- Record your Crime Reference Number

#### 3. Contact Your Insurance Company

- Report the theft immediately
- Provide the Crime Reference Number
- Inform them of any finance/lease agreements
- Follow insurer instructions

#### 4. List Your Stolen Car Online

Increase visibility by listing the vehicle publicly. Include:

- Clear photos
- Exact last-seen location
- Unique marks/modifications
- Time/date of theft
- Crime Reference Number (optional)

#### 5. Check Local CCTV and Doorbell Cameras

- Ask neighbours
- Check nearby shops/businesses
- Look for:
  - Relay attack behaviour
  - Suspicious vehicles
  - Plate changes

#### 6. Monitor Online Marketplaces

Check for your vehicle or its parts on:

- Facebook Marketplace
- Gumtree
- eBay Motors
- Local selling groups

If you spot it, do not confront anyone - call the police.

7. Notify the DVLA (If Insurer Pays Out)

- Inform DVLA that the vehicle is stolen
- Update ownership status

Notes Section

(Use this space to record details)

- Time discovered missing:
- Police Crime Reference Number:
- Officer name (if given):
- Insurance claim number:
- CCTV locations checked:
- Additional notes:

This checklist is designed to be printed, saved, or shared to help UK drivers act quickly and effectively after vehicle theft.