

TEMPLATE POLICY PAGE

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Main policy page:	The Cyprus Police periodically issues announcements on prevention of car theft, which is the most common offence of vehicle crime, while also distributing brochures and giving lectures that advise people of the measures they can take for the protection of their vehicle. Because of the fact that vehicle thefts are numerically important and because stolen vehicles may be used for the commission of other illegal activities, the Cyprus Police has included a separate section on its website, with a list of Stolen Vehicles reported to the police. This list is updated every two months and aims to inform the public and ask for their cooperation, in finding these vehicles. On the same website, there is also a list of car registration signs that have been stolen. Another measure that is taken by the Cyprus Police, aiming at the reduction of vehicle crime is the use of an SMS alert system, which has been installed at every Municipality that runs a Neighbourhood Watch Programme. Through this system, all watchers are constantly informed of any vehicle theft or search for specific vehicles. At the same time, there is an SMS alert system, which instantly sends out messages to all members of the police on their mobile phones, whenever a car / motorbike is stolen or wanted. They also receive messages that are especially important for members of the police to have in mind, while patrolling the streets.																																			
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Trends:	<p>Statistics</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Year</th> <th style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">No. of stolen cars</th> <th style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">No. of stolen motorcycles above 50cc</th> <th style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">No. of stolen motorcycles below 50cc</th> <th style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">2009</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">474</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">244</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">889</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">1607</td></tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">2010</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">538</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">242</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">925</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">1705</td></tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">2011</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">709</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">252</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">822</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">1783</td></tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">2012</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">674</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">316</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">759</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">1749</td></tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">2013</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">523</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">243</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">551</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">1317</td></tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">2014</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">405</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">308</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">474</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">1187</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>See www.police.gov.cy for statistics on crime.</p>	Year	No. of stolen cars	No. of stolen motorcycles above 50cc	No. of stolen motorcycles below 50cc	Total	2009	474	244	889	1607	2010	538	242	925	1705	2011	709	252	822	1783	2012	674	316	759	1749	2013	523	243	551	1317	2014	405	308	474	1187
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