

TEMPLATE POLICY PAGE

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Main policy page:	<p>The Cyprus Police periodically issues announcements on the prevention of car theft, which is the main category in vehicle crime, while it also distributes brochures and provides lectures and advice on the measures that can be taken to protect their vehicle.</p> <p>Because of the fact that vehicle thefts are numerically important and because stolen vehicles may be used for other illegal activities, the Cyprus Police has included a separate section on its website, especially for the list of Stolen Vehicles. This list is updated bio-monthly and aims to inform the public and asks for their cooperation. On the same website, there is also a list of car registration signs that have been stolen.</p> <p>Another measure that is taken by the Cyprus Police in order to reduce vehicle crime is the use of an SMS alert system installed in every Municipality that has already implemented the Neighborhood Watch Program, where all Watchers are constantly informed on any vehicle theft.</p> <p>At the same time, there is an SMS alert system installed, which sends out a message to all members of the police on their mobile phone, where a car / motorbike is stolen / wanted. The messages that are sent are especially important to have in mind, while patrolling the streets.</p>																																																												
Relevant legislation:	Chapter 154, Articles 255 and 162 (Theft).																																																												
Trends:	<p>Statistics</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>No. of stolen cars</th> <th>No. of stolen motorcycles above 50cc</th> <th>No. of stolen motorcycles below 50cc</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>2009</td><td>474</td><td>244</td><td>889</td><td>1607</td></tr> <tr><td>2010</td><td>538</td><td>242</td><td>925</td><td>1705</td></tr> <tr><td>2011</td><td>709</td><td>252</td><td>822</td><td>1783</td></tr> <tr><td>2012</td><td>674</td><td>316</td><td>759</td><td>1749</td></tr> <tr><td>2013</td><td>523</td><td>243</td><td>551</td><td>1317</td></tr> <tr><td>2014</td><td>405</td><td>308</td><td>474</td><td>1187</td></tr> <tr><td>2015</td><td>521</td><td>393</td><td>580</td><td>1494</td></tr> <tr><td>2016</td><td>517</td><td>434</td><td>657</td><td>1608</td></tr> <tr><td>2017</td><td>639</td><td>501</td><td>500</td><td>1640</td></tr> <tr><td>2018</td><td>658</td><td>425</td><td>415</td><td>1498</td></tr> <tr><td>2019</td><td>560</td><td>450</td><td>455</td><td>1465</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	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	2015	521	393	580	1494	2016	517	434	657	1608	2017	639	501	500	1640	2018	658	425	415	1498	2019	560	450	455	1465
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	See statistics on crime at www.police.gov.cy
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