

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT FACTS



Nationally there were an average of **151** thefts per day in 2018/19.



It is estimated that **one in every 131 WA households** experienced a motor vehicle theft in 2018/19. (This compares to 1 in 175 households nationally).



The number of profit motivated thefts in 2018/19 is almost equivalent to the number of PLC registrations in **postcode 2000 (Sydney, NSW)**.



The total estimated value of profit motivated plant and equipment thefts in 2018/19 was **\$19 million** and heavy truck were worth a further **\$14 million**.



There were **117 different motorcycle makes** stolen in 2018/19 compared to 96 in 2008/09. This adds to the complexity of motorcycle investigation and recovery.



The CARS theft risk rating of almost 1,000 different PLC make/model combinations reveals that **49%** had a medium or high risk of theft in 2018/19.



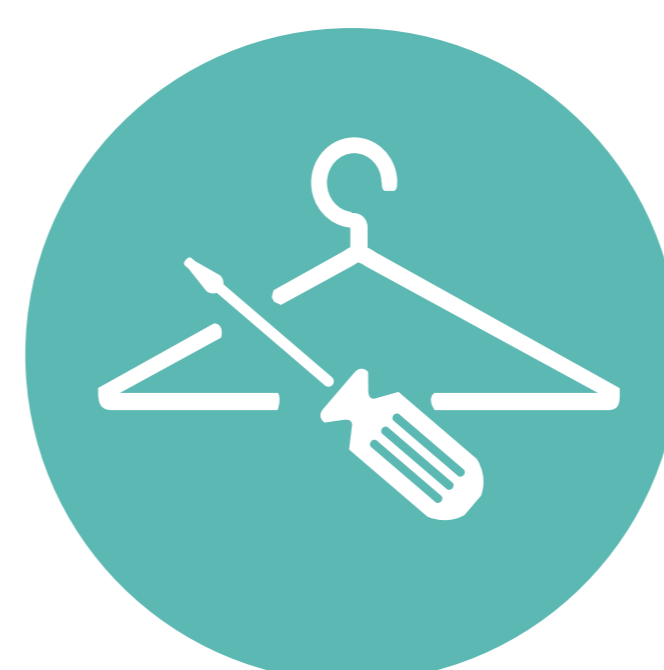
If each car had half a tank of petrol when it was stolen, the profit motivated PLC thefts also involved **\$500,000** worth of stolen petrol in 2018/19. This is enough to drive 3.8 million kms or 95 times around the world.



On average, an estimated **75** passenger and light commercial vehicles are **stolen and exported** from Australia each week.



1 in 4 vehicle fires attended by NSW fire authorities in 2017/18 were stolen vehicles.



Nationally there are nearly **1.5 million** registered PLCs with **no immobiliser** making them less secure than newer vehicles.



An estimated **47 PLCs** are stolen each week in Australia and illegally **converted to scrap metal**.



If all the vehicles stolen and not recovered in Australia in 2018/19 were parked end to end they would create a traffic jam stretching **73 kms** or the distance from Sydney to Gosford.