

Drivers Forgetting Keys in Their Cars to Get Compensation

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Insurance companies will be obliged to pay compensation to owners of stolen cars even if they forget their keys in them, according to a Supreme Court ruling released Thursday.

The Supreme Court said that, if keys or registration documents are left "by accident" inside a stolen car, insurance companies cannot avoid paying compensation, Interfax reported.

The ruling will make it hard for insurance companies not to pay indemnities by blaming drivers for forgetting their keys inside the car, insurance experts said.

According to Interior Ministry statistics, over 27 cars are stolen in Moscow daily, with Russian-made Ladas accounting for most of stolen automobiles. They are followed by Japanese-made vehicles.

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