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Theft of licence plates

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If you notice the theft of your licence plates (i.e., the removal of your vehicle plates), you must complain very quickly. You must then have your plates redone and attached to your vehicle.

Step 1: file

In France

As soon as you see your licence plates stolen in France, you must [file](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1435?file) the police station or the gendarmerie.

To foreigner

You must report the flight on your return to France [complaint](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1435?complaint) the police station or the gendarmerie.

2nd step: manufacturing and laying of new plates

Once you have made a complaint, you will need to have the licence plates on your carte grise redone and attached to your vehicle.

FYI

Plate theft is not [usurpation of registration number](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F34375?usurpation%20of%20registration%20number) . If your plates are stolen, you do not get a new vehicle registration number.

Penalties if you move without the plates

If you are travelling with a vehicle that does not have a number plate, you may be fined up to **€750**.

Statute and miscellaneous references

- Route Code: Articles L317-1 to L317-9 (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006159529/>)
Vehicle technical arrangements
- Code of Criminal Procedure: sections 529-7 to 529-11 (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006167492/>)
Provisions applicable to certain traffic offences

FAQ

- carte grise: how do you justify your home in France? ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1028?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1028?lang=en)
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