

# Auto Theft Prevention



No vehicle is 100% theft-proof. But by taking precautionary measures, you can minimize your chances of becoming the victim of auto theft. Auto theft prevention starts with you! Please follow the below listed tips to reduce your chances of becoming a victim of auto theft.

## Vehicle Theft Prevention Tips:

- ◆ **Never Leave Your Vehicle Keys In The Ignition Or Inside Your Vehicle.**
- ◆ **Never Leave Your Car Running When Unattended...Even For A Minute! Vehicles are commonly stolen at convenience stores, gas stations, daycares, etc. Many vehicles are also stolen on cold mornings when the owner leaves the vehicle running to warm up. Leaving your key in an unattended motor vehicle is a crime in some states.**
- ◆ **Always Lock Your Vehicle Doors.**
- ◆ **Never Hide A Second Set Of Keys Inside Your Vehicle -- Thieves know all of the hiding places.**
- ◆ **Park In Well-lit Areas.**
- ◆ **When Possible, Park In Attended Lots Where There Is More Potential For Witnesses.**
- ◆ **Completely Close Car Windows When Parked. Don't make it easier for the thief.**
- ◆ **Don't Leave Valuables In Plain View. Why make your vehicle a more desirable target to thieves.**
- ◆ **If You Have A Garage, Use It. If you do not have a garage, park as legally close as possible to your house (not on lawn).**
- ◆ **When Parking In A Garage, Lock The Garage Door And Your Vehicle.**
- ◆ **Don't Leave The Vehicle Title Inside -- this makes it easy for the thief to resell.**
- ◆ **Use Some Form of Visible Locking Device For The Steering Wheel or Audible Alarm System.**
- ◆ **If Your Vehicle Will Be Unattended For A Long Period, Make It Inoperable.**
- ◆ **Engrave Expensive Accessories With A Personal Identification Number Or Your Name. This makes it easier for police to identify your stolen car stereo, cellular phone, etc... and harder for thieves to dispose of them.**

For Emergencies, Call 911

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