



## Auto Theft Prevention Tips

**Take your keys and never leave a second set in your vehicle.** Twenty percent of stolen vehicles had keys inside of them, making the theft even easier.

**Lock your car.** Almost half of all vehicles stolen were left unlocked.



**Park in well-lit or heavily-trafficked areas.** Thieves do not like witnesses. Find an attended lot or garage if possible.

**Never leave your car running unattended.** Cars are often stolen at convenience stores, gas stations or when an owner leaves the vehicle running to warm it up.



**Install an anti-theft device.** Many insurance companies may give you a discount for certain anti-theft devices. Check with your agent for details.

ANTI-THEFT DEVICES INCLUDE:	BURGLARY OF VEHICLE TIPS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b><u>Ignition or fuel-kill switches.</u></b> Kill switches are inexpensive devices that disable the car until being disengaged.</li> <li>➤ <b><u>Visible steering wheel, floorboard, tire, or gearshift locks.</u></b> These locks disable key components of the vehicle, rendering it immobile.</li> <li>➤ <b><u>Hood locks.</u></b> These prevent the thief from gaining access to your engine, security system, or battery.</li> <li>➤ <b><u>Armored collar around the steering column.</u></b> Collars protect the column and some ignition switches from tampering.</li> <li>➤ <b><u>Alarms.</u></b> Security systems are common and make loud warning sounds when the car is opened.</li> <li>➤ <b><u>Optional sensors.</u></b> These may detect glass breaking, motion, tampering, or towing.</li> <li>➤ <b><u>Vehicle tracking.</u></b> A hidden transmitter enables tracking the car (may not be available in all areas).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Hide your valuables. Do not move valuable items to the trunk while in public view.</li> <li>➤ Items in the open make your car a larger target.</li> <li>➤ Park in well-lit or heavily-trafficked areas.</li> <li>➤ Thieves do not like witnesses. Find an attended lot or garage if possible.</li> <li>➤ Do not leave windows or sunroof open.</li> <li>➤ Do not leave doors unlocked.</li> <li>➤ Do not leave the garage door opener in plain view.</li> <li>➤ Do not leave out items with personal information.</li> <li>➤ Be attentive to your surroundings. Slow down and use common sense before you leave your car.</li> </ul>



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