

VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION



Everyday, cars, trucks, motorcycles are stolen from malls, convenience stores, streets, driveways, parking lots and garages because the owner left the door unlocked, windows cracked or left a valuable object out in plain view.

There are some measures that can be taken to greatly decrease the odds of your vehicle being the next stolen.

Below is a list of prevention tips that should be implemented into your daily routine.

AUTO THEFT PREVENTION CHECKLIST:

- Never leave your car unlocked.
- Never leave your car running unattended.
- Never leave your keys in the car ignition.
- Always roll your windows up and lock the car, even if you are parked in your driveway.
- Never leave valuables, cell phones, or radar detectors out in plain view, even if your car doors are locked. This is the number one reason cars are broken into. • Always park in busy, well-lighted areas.
- Invest in a mechanical device that locks the steering, column or brake to prevent the wheel from turning. Commonly referred to as a Club, collars or j-bars.
- Research for the purchase of an auto security system. Many insurance agencies may give a discount for such a security system. Check your current insurance agency now!
- Always leave just your ignition key with the attendant, if you park at a garage or just simply dropping your car off at a repair shop.
- Always keep insurance information and registration with you. Do not leave your personal information or credit cards in the vehicle.
- Copy your license plate number and VIN numbers on a card and keep them with your driver's license. If your vehicle is stolen, the police will need this information promptly.



For emergencies, call 911



- Don't leave cars running unattended.
- Never leave keys in the ignition.
- Remove all personal property.
- Etch the VIN on your windows.

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For Non-Emergencies, call 425-407-3999