

Auto Theft Prevention

Auto Theft Prevention Tips:

Every year the police department takes many reports on stolen vehicles and theft from vehicles. Below is a list of tips to help prevent auto thefts and thefts from auto.

- Don't leave your car running unattended for any reason;
- Don't leave your keys in the ignition. This includes inside a locked garage or in a hide-a-key box;
- Keep the windows rolled up and the doors locked on your vehicle even in your driveway;
- Never leave valuables in plain view in your vehicle;
- If possible park in high-traffic, well-lighted areas;
- Install a mechanical device that locks the steering wheel, column, or brakes;
- If possible install a theft tracking/security system on your vehicle;
- Never leave personal documents such as the vehicle title or credit cards in the vehicle;
- If you need to leave the key with a valet, attendant or mechanic only leave the ignition key;
- In higher theft areas make sure your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is etched on windows, doors, fenders and trunk lid. This makes it harder to market those stolen parts;
- Copy your license plate number and VIN number on a card and keep them with you. When reporting your vehicle stolen the police will need it for the report;
- Many vehicles come with a security system from the factory. Usually there are upgraded systems that can be purchased. When purchasing an upgraded system the best choices shut off the fuel supply so the car cannot be started or driven;
- If your vehicle is stolen, report it to the police department immediately.