

VEHICLE SECURITY

Stolen cars, vans, trucks and motorcycles cause economic hardship for victims, increase everyone's insurance premiums, and may be used to commit other violent crimes.

WHY ARE VEHICLES STOLEN

- Joyriding
- For parts or to ship out of the country
- To commit secondary crimes
- Insurance fraud
- To trade for drugs

HOW ARE VEHICLES STOLEN

- Keys left in vehicle
- Force
- Vehicle left unlocked
- 21% of all vehicle owners do not lock their vehicles
- Vehicle left running and unattended

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

- Always close all windows, lock all doors and take the keys with you
- Never leave your vehicle running and unattended
- Never hide a key in your vehicle
- Park your vehicle with the wheels turned. This makes your vehicle difficult to tow
- Copy your license plate and vehicle identification number (VIN) on a card and keep them on you with your driver's license
- Always park in a well lighted area
- **Always use an anti-theft device**

ANTI-THEFT DEVICES

- Etch the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the windows, doors, fenders, and truck lid. This helps discourage professional thieves who have to either remove or replace etched parts before selling the vehicle.
- Install a mechanical device – commonly called clubs and collars that lock to the steering wheel or column to prevent the wheel from being turned more than a few degrees.
- Install an anti-thief system – a system that typically includes siren alarms, starter disablers (kill switch), motion sensors, remote control activation, and panic buttons.
- Install a radio transmitter system in a secret place within the vehicle body. If the vehicle is stolen, the transmitter is activated by radio and the stolen vehicle is located via the radio homing device.