

VEHICLE THEFT AND THEFT FROM VEHICLES

One vehicle is stolen every 21 seconds in the United States. Stolen vehicles cost victim's time and money.

The vehicle is often used to commit other crimes.

DON'T BECOME A VICTIM OF THIS CRIME

Never leave your car running or the keys in the ignition when you're away from it, even for just a minute."

Always roll up the windows and lock the car, even if it's in front of your home or in the driveway.

Never leave valuables in plain view, even if your car is locked. Put them in the trunk or at least out of sight.

Never leave you wallet in the center consol or glove box.

Carry the registration and insurance card with you. Don't leave identification documents or credit cards in your vehicles.

Park in a well-lit or busy area.

When you pay to park in a lot or garage or take your car for repairs just leave the ignition key.

ADD EXTRA PROTECTION

Consider installing a mechanical locking device – commonly called clubs, collars, or j-bars.

Have the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etch on the windows, doors, fenders and trunk lid. This helps to discourage thieve who have to remove or replace etched parts.

Copy the VIN and your tag number on a card and keep it in a safe place. **"If your vehicle is stolen, the police need this information"**.

Consider installing a car alarm system if you live in a high-theft area or drive an automobile that's and attractive target for thieves. **"You may get a discount on your auto insurance"**.