

Report any theft from a vehicle to the Police Department. A theft that goes unreported is not known and this can hurt proactive policing for this type of crime.

Most anti-theft devices cost less than the deductible you would pay if your vehicle was broken into or stolen.

Some insurance companies offer lower insurance rates to vehicles with anti-theft devices.

LOCK OUT CAR THEFT!



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165 Henry Johnson Blvd.
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Emergency # 911
Non-Emergency # 518-438-4000
Web Site : apdonline.org

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*YOU HOLD
THE KEY TO
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Automobile Theft Prevention

Theft Prevention Tips

- Lock Your Car. Most thieves will try multiple car doors to look for one that is unlocked to steal out of.
- Don't Hide a Second Set of Keys in Your Car. They don't serve a purpose and if a thief gets in your car they could steal it.
- Park in Well-Lighted Areas.
- Park in Attended Lots. Auto thieves do not like witnesses and prefer unattended lots.
- Close Your Car Windows When Parking. Don't make it any easier for the thief to enter your vehicle.
- Hide Your Valuables. Don't make your car a more desirable target for thieves by leaving valuables in plain sight.
- Make The Interior of Your Car Look The Same Way It Did When You Bought It. Clean out the visible change in the center console and anything else that is in plain view from the outside of the car. One dollar in change is enough for a thief to break into your car.

- Plug Auxiliary Power Outlets. Thieves will think that there are electronic devices in the car if they see open power outlets.
- Report Suspicious Activity. People looking into or trying the door handles on vehicles. Call 438-4000.

Anti-Theft Devices

- Remote Car Starter. Allows the owner to safely start a vehicle and leave the motor running to pre-heat the interior.
- Alarm Systems. Security systems that make loud warning sounds and flash the vehicle's lights to attract attention to the vehicle.
- Ignition Kill Switch. Disables the power to the starter of a vehicle until a hidden switch is activated.
- Fuel Kill Switch. A valve that cuts off the fuel supply to the vehicle.
- Visible Steering Wheel Lock. Prevents the steering wheel from being turned.
- Floorboard Locks. Devices that disable the gas or brake pedal.
- Gearshift Locks. Disables shifting of the transmission.
- Tire/Wheel Locks. Prevents the vehicle from moving.
- Hood Locks. Prevents thieves from gaining access to your security system and battery.

- Locking Wheel Lug Nuts. They are inexpensive and can deter a thief from stealing your wheels. You only need one per wheel. Don't leave the key visible in your car.
- Removable Face Stereo Unit. The control panel of the stereo comes off to be taken with you. This makes the stereo inoperable without it.
- Locking Fuel Cap. The high price of fuel has made it a hot commodity.
- VIN-Etching. Have all the glass in your vehicle etched with the VIN number to deter car stripping.

Be Prepared

- Keep Your Gas Tank At Least Half Full. This could prevent you from breaking down in an undesirable area.
- Have An Emergency Kit In Your Trunk.
- Don't Abandon Your Vehicle. If you break down and have to leave your vehicle on the side of a road; Don't leave it for a long time.