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- ▶ For use in other criminal activities
- ▶ For parts
- ▶ For export in black market trades
- ▶ For transportation
- ▶ For resale to unsuspecting buyers, using a false vehicle identity

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How to Protect Your Vehicle from Theft

AUTO THEFT





It takes very little time for a professional thief to steal a vehicle. Here are some tips to help you avoid being an auto theft victim:

- 1 Lock your vehicle. If left unattended, activate any security systems.
- 2 Close windows and sunroof when leaving your vehicle unattended.
- 3 Don't leave your vehicle running, if unattended – even for a second.
- 4 Park in a well-lit area.
- 5 If parking in the same lot, park your vehicle in different spots each time.
- 6 Distractions can happen – always make sure to take your keys with you.
- 7 Don't leave valuables in your vehicle. If you can't take them with you, lock them safely out of view.
- 8 If you have a garage, park inside. Make sure to keep vehicle and garage doors locked.
- 9 When at home, don't leave your keys by the front door. Keep them in a safe place away from entranceways.
- 10 Don't leave ownership and insurance documents in your vehicle. Take them with you.

If your vehicle is broken into or stolen, contact your local police department immediately.

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