

# Don't Make It Easy

## *For a Thief To Steal Your Wheels*

### THE BASIC PREVENTION POLICY

- Never leave your car running or the keys in the ignition, even for “just a minute.”
- Always roll up the windows and lock the car, even if it's in front of your home.
- Never leave valuables in plain view, even if your car is locked. Put them in the trunk or at least out of sight.
- Park in busy and well-lit areas.
- When you pay to park in a lot or garage, only leave the ignition key with the attendant. Make sure no personal information is attached. Do the same when you take your car for repairs.

### ADD EXTRA PROTECTION

- Install a mechanical locking device—commonly called clubs, collars, or j-bars—that locks to the steering wheel, column, or brake, preventing the wheel from being turned more than a few degrees.
- Investigate security systems if you live in a high-theft area or drive an automobile that's an attractive target for thieves.

### TAKE THE EXTRA STEP

- 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.
- Approach your car with the key in hand. Look around and inside before getting in.
- Be especially alert at intersections, gas stations, ATMs, shopping malls, and convenience and grocery stores—all are windows of opportunity for carjackers.
- Park in well-lit areas with good visibility, close to walkways, stores, and people.
- If the carjacker has a weapon, give up the car with no questions asked.



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