

OTHER RULES OF THE ROAD

- Never leave your keys in the car or ignition.
- Copy your license number and vehicle identification number (VIN) on a card and keep them with your driver's license.
- Keep the keys to your home and car separate.
- Keep your car in good running condition. Make sure there's enough gas to get there and back.
- If you think someone is following you, drive to the nearest police or fire station, general service station, or other open business to get help.
- Don't pick up hitchhikers. Don't hitchhike yourself.
- If you often drive at night, or alone, consider a CB radio or cellular phone to make it easier to summon help in an emergency.

Vehicle Information

Keep this information in a safe place at home and carry a copy with you.

Year _____
 Make _____
 Model _____
 Color _____
 VIN _____
 License# _____
 Identifying Marks _____

Insurance Co. _____
 Phone# _____
 Policy# _____



Important Telephone Numbers

Emergencies: fire, police, medical
 From all telephones

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Crime Prevention752-6589
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CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM

VEHICLE SECURITY



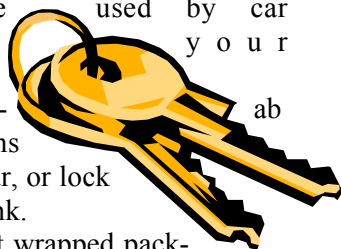
For further information on this program and other crime prevention materials, call or write:

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Whether you depend on your car for your daily transportation, or whether you use it for recreational purposes, it is a valuable commodity. The following tips will help you protect your car.

LOCK YOUR CAR

- Always lock up when you leave your car, and take the keys with you.
- Lock the trunk or tailgate.
- Close all windows, even the smallest cracks can be used by car thieves to open your car.
- Remove all valuable possessions from a parked car, or lock them in your trunk.
- Do not leave gift wrapped packages, cameras, cellular phones or CD's lying on the seats.
- Lock your car even if you're only stepping away for a short time and even if it's in front of your home.



PARKING

- Don't leave your car in an unattended lot for an extended period of time. A car is five times more likely to be stolen from an unattended lot than from the street or an attended lot.
- If possible, park your car in a lot where you don't have to give your keys.
- If you do have to give your keys, leave only the ignition key with no identification.
- Keep the keys to your home and car separate and never attach a tag with your name and address to your key ring.
- Avoid parking near dumpsters, woods, large vans or trucks, or anything else that limits your visibility.
- At night, park in well-lit areas with lots

of people around.

- Turn wheels sharply toward the curb when parking (this makes it harder for thieves to tow your car).

When buying a car, check the manufacturer's list of anti-theft options such as, interior hood and trunk releases, locking steering columns and others. The following is a list of security devices that you might consider purchasing.

SECURITY DEVICES

- Interior lock release.
- Locking gas cap.
- Locking devices for batteries, wheels, CD players, etc.
- Second ignition switch or "kill switch" to prevent electrical current from reaching the coil distributor.
- Fuel switch to prevent fuel from reaching the carburetor.
- Alarm devices to activate a siren, horn or lights - or all three - to frighten the thief away.
- Device that attaches to the steering wheel or brake pad.

CARJACKING

Carjacking isn't just a problem in large cities; it happens in suburbs, small towns, and rural areas. Here are some tips to help you avoid becoming a victim of an increasingly popular form of violent auto theft.

- Keep your doors locked.
- Stick with the traffic, avoid lightly traveled streets, especially after dark.
- Drive in the center lane to make it harder for would be carjackers to approach the car.
- Don't stop to assist a stranger whose car is broken down. Instead, help by calling

the police from the nearest phone.

- When you're stopped in traffic, always leave enough room to maneuver around other cars.
- If a carjacker threatens you with a weapon, give up your car. Your life is worth more than the car.

SECURING OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES

Thefts of snowmobiles, motorcycles, boats and trail-bikes are increasing. Many of the same precautions that apply to cars also apply to recreational vehicles.

- Make sure all easy-to-carry items like motors, water skis and camping gear are locked up before leaving your vehicle.
- Vehicles carried on trailers should be secured with a strong chain and padlock.
- When the trailer is not attached to your car, secure it with a heavy chain and lock to a stationary object.
- Chain your motorcycle or snowmobile to a stationary object such as a lamppost or sewer grating. Even when your vehicle is in the garage, use a heavy chain and padlock that resists conventional steel hacksaw blades.

