

Safeguard Your Auto

Prevent Auto Theft

To a thief, there's nothing like a car. It's self-propelled and fully equipped for a fast get-away. The car and most especially components, are items in steady demand.

You should not leave the vehicle unattended without locking the ignition and removing the key. A significant number of automobiles are stolen because drivers fail to remove the ignition keys.

Establish Ground Rules

All members of the family should know how to protect the car against theft. Licenses, registration cards or other identifying papers that a thief could misuse should never be left in the car. Keys should be carefully guarded. If the keys have punch-out numbers these should be removed and kept at home for reference in case of loss.

How to Give a Thief a Hard Time

The *National Automobile Theft Bureau* (NATB) recommends the following precautions:

- > Park in a well-lighted area
- > Close all windows, lock all doors.
- > Activate any theft deterrent device you may have.
- > Put packages or valuables out of sight: CB radios, tape and cassette decks and other expensive items in full view invite theft.
- > If you park in a commercial lot or garage, leave only the ignition key with the attendant.
- > Keep license and registration in your wallet or purse. If left in car, thieves can use these documents to sell your car if it's stolen, or impersonate you when they are challenged by police. Owners who indiscriminately leave keys titles and other identifiable material in their vehicle may return to their residence only to find that they are the victims of a burglary.
- > If you have a garage, use it. Lock both the vehicle and the garage..