

Vehicle Theft.

Safeguard your vehicle..

Vehicles are stolen for a variety of reasons, including theft for parts, insurance fraud, retagging, exporting, and joy riding. To help prevent the theft and damage to your vehicle, we suggest the following:

What Can I Do?



Lock

Always lock and secure your vehicle. Always activate your alarm every time you leave your vehicle. Consider locking lug nuts to deter rim theft.



Keys

Never leave the keys in the ignition when you exit the vehicle -- even for a minute!



Property

Never leave property in your vehicle. Items such as loose change, shopping bags, GPS, cell phones, laptops, tablets and the charging chords are targeted by thieves.



Parking

Park in high traffic or well lit areas, when possible.



Report It.

Contact your local precinct crime prevention officer or visit our website at www.nyc.gov/nypd for more information on the programs we offer.



Enroll

Enroll in NYPD anti-theft programs such as VIN Etching, Operation ID and Combat Auto Theft.

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Driving.

TIPS FOR YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY

What Can I Do?



Trunk

Keep valuables secured in the trunk, not lying on the seat next to you.



Gas Tank

Keep your car well maintained and the gas tank at least half full to avoid getting stranded.



Purse

Put your purse on the floor of your car.



Vision Zero

Drive carefully - Help us achieve our Vision Zero goal of no vehicle related deaths



Evade

Should you suspect that you are being followed, make several turns down active streets. If the vehicle continues to follow, head for the nearest police station, fire house, or open store.

Parking.

TIPS FOR YOUR PROPERTY SAFETY

What Can I Do?



Park

Park in a well-lit area to discourage a personal attack and reduce the risk of your car being stolen.



Close

Close all windows and lock the doors.



Look

Look around before exiting your car.



Take

Take any valuables with you.

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AUTO THEFT PREVENTION TIP: Don't Leave the Keys in the Ignition

Vehicles left unattended with keys in the ignition are easily targeted by car thieves. This dangerous practice allows for an easy theft or a joy ride by an inexperienced driver.

This commonly occurs around the neighborhood store, deli, coffee shop, or newspaper stand. Remain alert. Don't create an opportunity. Don't become a victim!

When leaving your vehicle always:

- Close Your Windows
- Turn off the Ignition and **REMOVE THE KEYS**
- Lock Your Doors!



You might only be a "minute" - -

but a minute is all a thief needs.

Lock up your car and take your keys with you!

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