

Vehicle Theft and You

According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), a vehicle is stolen every 26 seconds in the United States.

Learn to reduce your risks.

Secure your vehicle:

- Lock your garage at home.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Roll your windows up completely and when parked.
- Always lock your vehicle.
- Consider installing a vehicle alarm or other theft protection device.
- Never leave your vehicle unattended while the engine is running.

Secure your property:

- Always hide valuables
- Never hide a second key in or on your car

Park securely

When parking on a street, turn your wheels toward the curb and set the emergency brake.

When parking in a driveway or parking lot follow these rules:

- If front-wheel drive, pull in forward and set your emergency brake.
- If rear-wheel drive, back into the space and set the emergency brake.

When buying a new vehicle consider looking for:

- A factory immobilizer (computer chip in the key)
- A locking steering wheel
- Other anti-theft devices such as an alarm

Always report any suspected theft activity to your local police.