

# TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR CAR



Here are some tips to help you keep your vehicle safe and to make it harder for the bad guys to take your stuff...

We hear stories all the time about cars being stolen in just a few seconds. Rule number one... don't make it easy for the criminals!

Common sense is your first line of defense. Roll up your windows, lock your doors and take your keys with you when your vehicle is unattended.

Hide any items left inside your vehicle. If you leave your IPOD on the passenger seat or leave a CD case on the back seat, it's an invitation to criminals.

Check with your local police department to see if they have a VIN etching program. If you etch the vehicle ID number on your windows, car thieves likely will have to replace the windows before they can sell a stolen car.

Try to park in attended lots or at least in well-lit, high-traffic areas. Criminals prefer to work in dark, isolated locations. Your safety and the protection of your car make it worth your while to take the extra time to find a safe parking space.

Your vehicle is a major investment so why not invest in an alarm security system?

And, if the unthinkable should happen and your vehicle is stolen, a satellite-based tracking device will help the police get your car back.

## Top Ten Most Stolen Cars:

1. **1995 Honda Civic**
2. **1991 Honda Accord**
3. **1989 Toyota Camry**
4. **1997 Ford F-150 Truck**
5. **1994 Chevy C/K 1500 Truck**
6. **1994 Acura Integra**
7. **2004 Dodge Ram Truck**
8. **1994 Nissan Sentra**
9. **1988 Toyota Truck**
10. **2007 Toyota Corolla**

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