

Community Safety Message

Car Security

There is nothing convenient about having your car stolen. An opportunistic car thief wants your motor vehicle as a means of transport. A professional car thief wants your vehicle for profit and either strips it for parts or alters the vehicle identification number (VIN) and chassis number to avoid detection when the vehicle is sold.

To avoid car theft:

- Always lock doors and windows when your vehicle is unattended.
- Install an effective anti-theft device.
- Park your vehicle off the street, preferably in your yard or at a staffed parking centre.
- If parking your vehicle on the street, select a well-lit area.
- If you must leave valuables in your vehicle, keep them out of sight.
- Secure your keys when not in use.
- Have the VIN etched onto major glass components of the vehicle.
- Install an effective anti-theft device such as a fuel/ignition cut-out switch; an ignition shield; a visible locking device; or a battery isolator.

