

PROTECT YOUR VEHICLE FROM THEFT

What You Should Know

In 2015, there were 707,758 VEHICLES reported stolen in the United States—that's a vehicle STOLEN EVERY 45 SECONDS. Nearly 42 PERCENT of these vehicles are NEVER RECOVERED, and the estimated total value of vehicles stolen nationwide is MORE THAN \$5 BILLION.



Simple Steps Can PREVENT THEFT

Nearly half of all stolen vehicles are So remember:

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- Always take your keys. Don't leave them in or on your vehicle.
- Close and lock all windows and doors when you park.
- Park in **well-lit areas**.
- Never leave valuables in your vehicle, especially where they can be seen.
- Never leave your vehicle while it's running.
- Park your vehicle **in a garage**, if possible.

ANTITHEFT SECURITY SYSTEMS Can Provide Additional Protection

There are multiple types of antitheft systems and devices designed to make vehicles difficult to steal and easier to trace and recover. As a precautionary measure, it's a good idea to have an antitheft device installed in your vehicle.

Here's how some work:

Alarms and visual devices

can deter theft by bringing attention to someone attempting to steal or break into your vehicle. These visible or audible deterrents include car alarms, flashing lights, steeringwheel locks, theft-deterrent decals, and window etching.

Immobilizing devices

prevent thieves from bypassing your vehicle's fuel and ignition systems. Some systems use computer chips in ignition keys while others disable the flow of electricity or fuel to the engine.

Vehicle recovery systems

use electronic transmission technology to help law enforcement quickly locate and recover stolen vehicles and possibly catch and arrest the thieves.

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If Your Vehicle is Stolen, TAKE THESE STEPS

- 1. Contact the police immediately to file a stolen-vehicle report.
- 2. Use information from the police report to **file an insurance claim** within 24 hours of when you discovered your vehicle was stolen. You'll need a copy of the police report and/or a case number to provide to your insurance company. You may also be asked for the following:
 - License plate number
 - Make, model, and color of the vehicle
 - · Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and any identifying characteristics
- 3. If you find your vehicle before authorities do, inform the police and your insurance company immediately.



Vehicles most likely to be

- 1. Honda Accord
- 2. Honda Civic
- 3. Chevy Silverado
- 4. Toyota Camry
- 5. Ford F150
- 6. Ford Econoline
- 7. Nissan Altima
- 8. Ford F250
- 9. Toyota Corolla
- 10. Chevy Impala

*Top 10 reported stolen vehicles in CY 2015