

Theft of Other Vehicles



Theft of trucks and recreation vehicles is on the increase. Because they are not always serialized by the manufacturer, recoveries are few. Mark your vehicle with an identification number such as your driver's license in a conspicuous place.

Thefts of snowmobiles, motorcycles, boats and trailbikes are also increasing. Many of the same precautions that apply to cars and bicycles also apply to recreational vehicles.

Lock It

- Lock up and take the keys with you.
- Make sure all easy-to-carry items like motors, water skis and camping gear are locked up before leaving your vehicle.
- Vehicles carried on trailers should be secured with a strong chain and padlock.
- When the trailer is not attached to your car, secure it with a heavy chain and lock to a stationary object.
- Chain your motorcycle or snowmobile to a stationary object such as a lamppost or sewer grating. Even when your vehicle is in the garage, use a heavy chain and padlock that resists conventional steel hacksaw blades.



Chain It

Always chain your bicycle when leaving it - even for a short time. The chain should be case-hardened, at least 3/8 inch thick and covered with plastic or an inner tube to prevent scratching the bike's finish. Make sure you use a sturdy padlock. Always chain both

the rear wheel and the frame to a stationary object in a conspicuous place. If you only chain one wheel to the other, it can be thrown in a truck and unlocked later. Even at home never leave your bicycle unlocked. Store it indoors or in a locked garage whenever you're not using it.

What To Do

If your vehicle is broken into or stolen - inform the police immediately. Stolen vehicles are often used in the commission of another crime. Quick action by you may not only aid in the recovery of your vehicle, but prevent its use for illegal purposes.

When buying a car from anyone except an authorized dealer, check the license number and vehicle identification with the police department for verification before you part with your money.

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Year _____ Make _____
 Model _____ Color _____
 Car ID # _____ License # _____
 Identifying Marks _____

 Insurance Co. _____ Policy # _____

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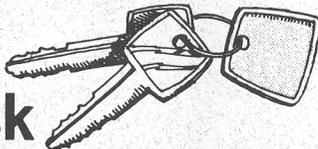


Each year, more than a million vehicles are stolen in the United States — about one vehicle every 30 seconds.

Car thieves, like home burglars, generally have an easy time of it. Their thievery is made simple by car owners who obligingly leave doors unlocked (in four out of five cases of auto theft) or who leave keys in the ignition (in one out of five cases).

Though professional car thieves have entered the field in increasing numbers, most cars are still taken by amateurs who can be stopped fairly easily. You can greatly increase your protection against this type of crime by taking the following sensible precautions.

Reduce Your Risk



- Never leave your keys in your car and always lock the doors. If you have a car alarm always activate it before leaving.

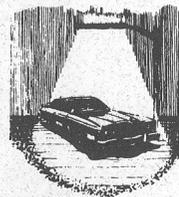
- Use an anti-theft device, which will secure the steering wheel and/or the brake pedal. Vehicle location detection devices are excellent.

- Cover exposed vehicle identification numbers with tape or a small piece of paper so the numbers can not be seen from the outside.

- All of these suggestions should be considered while your vehicle is at home unless it is parked in a secure garage.

Always close your garage door while you are away, even if it is just for a short time.

Park Carefully



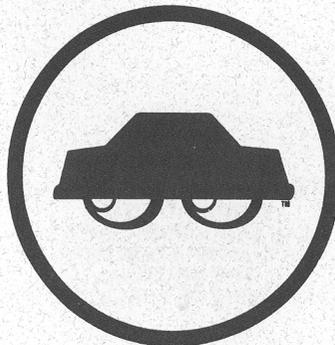
- Avoid leaving an auto unattended in public parking lots for an extended period of time. A car is five times more likely to be stolen from an unattended lot than from the street or an attended lot.

- At night, park in well-lighted areas with pedestrian traffic. Auto thieves don't like working in spots where they are clearly visible.

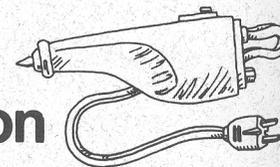
- Whenever possible, turn wheels sharply toward the curb when parking, making it extra difficult for thieves to tow your car.

- Never leave items of value in plain site from the outside of your vehicle. Hide vehicle registration and proof of insurance as well as the garage door opener in safe places.

- Join the "Watch Your Car" program. Call the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority at 1-888-668-4433.



Operation Identification

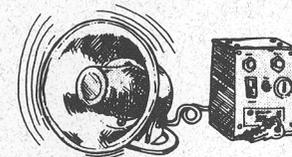


- With an electric engraver, etch your social security or operator's license number on CBs, tape decks and similar items. Consider engraving the same number in several places under the hood, on car doors, trunk lid or other conspicuous places so that a positive identification can be made of your vehicle if it is recovered after theft.

- Record your vehicle identification number (located on a small metal plate on the dashboard) and store it in a safe place.

- Never leave your drivers license inside the car and keep the automobile registration out of sight. If you don't, thieves will be able to produce legitimate documents when stopped by police. Remember when driving your car in Arizona the registration must be with you at all times.

Security Alarms



- Consider the purchase and installation of security devices, such as:

- Interior hood lock and release.
- A second ignition switch or "kill switch" which prevents electrical current from reaching the coil or distributor.
- A fuel switch which prevents fuel from reaching the carburetor.
- A locking gas cap.
- An alarm device which will activate a siren, horn or lights — or all three — to frighten the thief away *before* he is able to steal your car.