



# HOW TO PREVENT VEHICLE THEFT

**Thieves are looking for an easy target. The harder you can make it for them, the less likely they are to target your car. Here are some ways you can prevent a break-in:**

## ANTI-THEFT SAFETY DEVICES

- Safety locks
- Steering wheel locks attach to the steering wheel to lock it in place.
- Tire locks attach to the outside of the tire, but are not easy to take on and off, so best for vehicles parked long-term.
- Hood locks vary by make and model so get one that fits yours exactly.
- Catalytic converter locks protect this car part that is often stolen.
- Car alarms usually require professional installation.
- GPS trackers are different than your GPS. They are specific devices to help the police find your car.
- Kill switches and engine immobilizers interrupt the ignition process. They change how your car operates so they're not right for everyone.

## KEYLESS ENTRY SAFETY

- Store the key fob in a signal-blocking
- Carry the fob in a shielded wallet or
- Switch off your fob at night (if possible).

## OTHER STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

- Etch your car's VIN number on each window.
- Make sure your driveway is well lit.
- Trim shrubs and trees so you can clearly see your car.
- Keep your vehicle doors locked when.
- Close all windows, including the sunroof.
- Park in secure, well-lit areas.
- Don't leave valuables in view.
- Don't leave your key in the car or your car running.
- Don't keep your spare key hidden underneath your car.
- Take your garage remote out of your car.

**If you have comprehensive auto insurance, you will be covered in case your car is stolen. Insurance will cover the cost of a replacement car, minus any deductibles or rental car costs that you may need to pay.**

## WHAT IF I AM A VICTIM OF THEFT?

### STEP 1:

**Contact the police.** Make sure that you have all of the information about your car, as they will need it.

### STEP 2:

**Contact your insurance provider.** You will need to provide them with the police report number and information about your vehicle.

### STEP 3:

**Arrange for transportation, such as a rental car.** Note that rental car companies have a minimum age, usually 25.