



## Car theft increasing throughout the city

### Description

Car thefts are on the rise. Follows are some tips you can use to avoid being the victim of a car thief.

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- Never leave your car running unattended, even to dash into a business, store, etc.
  - Never leave any keys in the car or ignition, or inside a locked garage.
  - Always roll up your windows and lock the car, even if it is parked in front of your home.
  - Never leave valuables in plain view, even if your car is locked. Put them in the trunk out of sight.
  - Always park in high-traffic, well-lit areas, when possible.
  - Install a mechanical device that locks the steering wheel, column, or brakes. These devices can deter some criminals.
  - Investigate the purchase of a vehicle theft tracking/security system, especially if you own one of the frequently stolen model vehicles.
  - Never leave personal identification documents, vehicle ownership title, or credit cards in your vehicle.
  - Copy your license plate and vehicle information (VIN) numbers on a card and keep them with you. If your vehicle is stolen, the police will need this information for the report.
  - If your vehicle is stolen, report it to the police IMMEDIATELY.
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*Remember, please take precautionary measures to minimize your chances of becoming a victim.*

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