

MOTORCYCLE THEFT



Motorcycle theft is on the rise. These vehicles are more vulnerable because of their design. If you own a motorcycle, consider some of the following tips:

- Park your motorcycle in a garage.
- Keep registration, helmets and valuables with you at all times.
- Install a vehicle tracking system.

WHAT TO DO



If your vehicle is broken into or stolen, the key to recovering your car and/or property is to call 911 immediately.

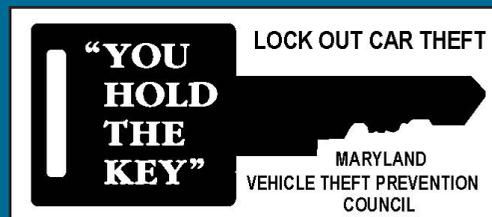
Be proactive, and don't be a victim — implement security devices on your vehicle **NOW!**



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Auto theft is a lucrative business that costs taxpayers and insurance companies millions of dollars each year.

THE FACTS

- Every 14 seconds, a vehicle is stolen in Maryland.
- Keys are left in more than 20 percent of stolen vehicles.
- More than 50 percent of auto thefts occur in residential neighborhoods.

WHY ARE VEHICLES STOLEN?

Auto thieves often steal to:

- Sell the vehicle parts or the entire vehicle.
- Trade the vehicle for illegal drugs.
- Obtain temporary transportation.
- Go joyriding.
- Commit other crimes.
- Commit insurance fraud.

HOWARD COUNTY'S MOST FREQUENTLY STOLEN VEHICLES

Honda Civic
Honda Accord
Acura Integra
Dodge Caravan
Toyota Camry

Nissan Altima
Acura TL
Suzuki GSXR
Toyota Corolla
Saturn SL

PREVENT

TAKE ACTION

- Always lock your vehicle, take the keys and close the windows and sunroof.
- Never hide a spare key in or on the vehicle.
- Never leave personal documents, mail, bills, credit card statements or other identifying information in the vehicle.
- Always park in well-lit areas.
- Park the vehicle with the wheels turned toward the curb, and use the emergency brake.
- Never leave valuables in plain sight.

*Never leave
your car
running,
and never
leave your keys
in the car.*



PROTECT



ANTI-THEFT DEVICES

- **Steering wheel & column locks:** Prevents steering of vehicle or cutting of steering column; cost effective.
- **Electric security system:** Audio alarm sounds when doors, hood or trunk is opened; designed to scare thieves away.
- **Kill switch:** Switch that prevents the vehicle from starting by cutting off the fuel supply.
- **VIN etching:** Vehicle identification number is etched onto windows to deter resale of stolen parts.
- **Vehicle tracking system/GPS:** Hidden device that allows police to track the exact location of the vehicle.
- **Smart key:** An ignition key with a computerized chip or a transponder key.
- **Watch Your Car:** A program that identifies your vehicle to police; police can stop the vehicle and identify the driver if the car is out between 1 and 5 a.m.