

LOCK IT, PARK IT, PROTECT IT

# McGruff<sup>®</sup>'s Guide to Prevent Vehicle Theft

## RECOGNIZE THE RISKS

Motor vehicle theft in the U.S. is on the rise. If you live in a large city, you're twice as likely to be a victim. Most thefts occur at or near the victim's home, so watch out for your wheels.

*Here's what you can do:*

### PARK SMART

- Always park in **well-lit, high-traffic** areas. Thieves prefer places where they can operate unnoticed.
- **Look around.** If you notice someone loitering, move your car.
- Keep your key fob in your hand when walking to and from your vehicle so you have **quick access to the panic button**

### LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

- Do a double check! Before you walk away, make sure your **doors and windows are securely locked.**
- Thieves can strike in seconds. **Never leave your engine running,** even if you're just stepping away for just a moment.
- Do a double take and make sure you **don't leave your key fob in the car** when you leave.

### HIDE VALUABLES

- **Never leave valuables** like phones, laptops, or purses in plain sight.
- **Take valuables with you** or lock them in the trunk.

### KNOW YOUR VEHICLE

- **Keep a record** of your vehicle's VIN, license plate, and registration numbers.
- If you own a **high-risk vehicle,** invest in extra security measures like GPS tracking or a steering wheel lock.
- **Check with your insurance** or local car dealer for recommendations on additional security features; they might even offer you a discount!

### MCGRUFF'S FINAL WORD: STAY ALERT

Stay informed with the latest crime trends from local law enforcement.

Remember: Vehicle theft can happen anywhere. Stay alert, lock up, and keep your car secure!



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