



Prevent Theft From Your Car

Thieves Need Less Than 20 Seconds to Steal!

Don't leave these in your car:

Laptops, I-Pads, I-Phones, I-Pods, other electronics
GPS, & Camera gear
Backpacks or gym bags
Jewelry
Tool boxes, power tools
Purses, Wallets, & Checkbooks
Cash/spare change

Do not leave sensitive ID information in your vehicle where someone could use it to steal your ID.

Delay, Deter, and Detect- Tips to prevent you from Being Victimized

Thefts from auto can happen in parks, public parking areas, on street parking, and in garages! Over \$1 million dollars in property is stolen each year from autos in Saint Paul. Be smart and don't provide the opportunity for thieves:

Delay

- Always lock your car and roll -up the windows
- Invest in wheel locking lug nuts. Keep the lug nut "key" in a safe place where thieves will not have access to it - consider your trunk vs. console or glove box.
- Double check the car is locked (jamming devices can be used to block signal)
- Get a key fob defender bag that blocks electronic signals when you are at home



Deter

- Park in your garage (if possible)
- Park in well-lit areas

Detect

- If you have a car alarm use it
- Watch for suspicious acting people loitering or lurking in the area of parked vehicles. Call 911 and describe the person's: gender, race, height, weight, clothing and age, License number (if available) or mode of transportation, exact location

What to Do If It Happens to You

Call 911 immediately if property is stolen from your auto. If possible, stay where your auto was parked. Prepare a list of what was taken. The police will further advise you.

Please share the above tips with family, friends, coworkers and neighbors. For more information, call the Saint Paul Police Department Western District Crime Prevention at (651) 266-5455.

Feel free to complete a survey at <http://stpaul.gov/PoliceCommunitySurvey>

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