

PREVENTION TIPS

- **Make sure all doors and windows are locked.** Prevent yourself from becoming an easy target by always locking your vehicle – even if you're only planning to be gone for a few minutes or your vehicle is in your own garage.
- **Never leave your keys or valuables inside your vehicle.** Keep high-value items like phones, laptops, wallets, and purses hidden. Put valuables in your trunk *before* you get where you're going.
- **Park in well-lit areas and check your surroundings.** Look around, especially in parking garages, parking lots, and gas stations. If you notice someone loitering, consider moving your car.
- **Never leave your car running and unattended.** Even if your doors are locked, a thief only has to break a window to get in. Leaving your vehicle running unattended in cold weather is also a violation of city ordinance 157.07 and you could be ticketed.
- **Do not leave your vehicle title in the car.** Too often a car thief is pulled over and gets away from the police because he or she can produce the auto registration.
- **Set your car alarm or install an anti-theft system in your vehicle if it doesn't have one.** Thieves are reluctant to steal vehicles if they know the cars can be recovered quickly.
- **Consider investing in a wheel lock, key fob defender bag, or vehicle tracking system.**

AUTO THEFT

Prevention Strategies and Resources



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REPORT A THEFT



Call **911** when a crime is in progress or you need an immediate officer response.



Call **651-291-1111** to request an SPPD response in a non-emergency situation.



File an **online police report** by scanning the **QR code** or visiting **stpaul.gov/police**.

IF YOUR VEHICLE IS STOLEN

- **Call police.** Report the theft and be as detailed as you can and be able to provide your vehicle's make, model, and license plate number. Also report any valuables you had inside.
- **Call your insurance company.** They need to know you're not the one driving your car at the moment.
- **Assess security threats.** Cancel any credit or debit cards that may have been left in the car. If your work ID badge was in the car, notify your company. If house keys or a garage door opener were in the car, change the locks.
- **Locate your car?** It is important to call police and not get in or move the vehicle until police have had the opportunity to investigate.

**27 VEHICLES
ARE STOLEN
EVERY DAY IN
MINNESOTA**

**6 OUT OF 10
VEHICLES
ARE STOLEN
WITH THE
KEYS INSIDE**