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WITH COLDER TEMPERATURES RETURNING, A REMINDER TO PROTECT YOUR CAR. POLICE SAY **PUFFERS** ATTRACT CAR THIEVES.

---**SOT 1:** STEVEN WHEELER / PA AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY---

“A puffer is a vehicle that’s left running, unattended, and unlocked, and we know that they’re very easily stolen and despite the fact that you might want to get in a warm car, think about what you’re going to have when you come out and that car is not there. So our advice is lock your car, take your keys, every time.” (:19)

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POLICE SAY ABOUT HALF OF PENNSYLVANIA’S STOLEN CARS WERE LEFT UNLOCKED OR WITH THE KEYS INSIDE.

CAR EXPERTS SAY THERE’S NO NEED TO WARM UP A CAR BEFORE YOU DRIVE IT. IF YOU’RE DOING IT TO MAKE IT MORE COMFORTABLE BEFORE YOU GET IN, USE A REMOTE STARTER SO NO ONE CAN STEAL IT.

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AS COLDER TEMPERATURES RETURN THIS WEEK, POLICE WARN US NOT TO BE A VICTIM OF PUFFER THEFT.

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YOU CAN TELL A PUFFER BY ITS EXHAUST CLOUD... IT’S A CAR LEFT RUNNING, UNLOCKED, AND UNATTENDED... A VERY VULNERABLE TARGET FOR A THIEF.

---**SOT 2:** STEVE WHEELER / PA AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY-----

“It only takes a few seconds to steal this car. And the convenience that you’re going to find from getting into a warm car is outweighed by the inconvenience you’re going to find when your car’s not there. You can’t pick your child up from soccer practice today, you can’t go and get that prescription from the pharmacy, your medical appointment has to be put off — all of those things, your life has become instantly affected.” (:20)

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IF YOU INSIST ON A WARMED UP CAR - CONSIDER USING A REMOTE STARTER, SO THE CAR SHUTS DOWN IF SOMEONE TRIES TO TAKE IT WITHOUT THE KEY.

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WITH THIS WEEK’S FRIGID TEMPERATURES -- A REMINDER TO NOT GET LEFT OUT IN THE COLD.

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POLICE WARN NOT TO LEAVE YOUR CAR PUFFING. IT'S A EASY TARGET FOR THIEVES. A PUFFER IS A CAR LEFT RUNNING, UNLOCKED, AND UNATTENDED.

-----**SOT 3:** STEVE WHEELER / PA AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY---

“Basically people think there is an advantage to warming up their cars or they want the comfort of getting into a warm car when they leave for work or whenever it is, but unfortunately, it only takes a second to steal a car like that. So puffers are very vulnerable in terms of auto theft. Our recommendation is lock your car, take your keys, every time.” (:17)

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POLICE SAY WHILE IT MAY SOUND LIKE COMMON SENSE, MORE THAN HALF OF PENNSYLVANIA'S STOLEN CARS WERE LEFT UNLOCKED OR WITH THE KEYS INSIDE.