

Auto theft

PREVENTION TIPS



Auto theft prevention is common sense, but not common practice.

FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE TIPS to protect your vehicle and spare yourself the hassle and expense of having your car stolen.

STEP *one*

• **LOCK YOUR CAR,
• TAKE YOUR KEYS,
• EVERY TIME.**

Develop good habits – consciously make the decision to double check that you have your keys as you walk away from the vehicle. No place is safe from theft, even your own driveway.

STEP *TWO*

NO PUFFING: DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR UNLOCKED, RUNNING AND UNATTENDED.

Whether you're just running out to grab a cup of coffee or warming the car up before leaving for work, it only takes a thief seconds to steal your car. It's illegal to leave a car running and unattended on a public road in Pennsylvania. Some municipalities also have laws against puffing on private property.

STEP *THREE*

DON'T LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR CAR. Leaving cell phones, mail, garage door openers, wallets, computers, or other valuables in the car attracts thieves. Leaving mail and sensitive information in your car also leaves you vulnerable to identity theft. Leaving your garage door opener can also invite burglary to your home. For more information, visit watchyourcar.org.