

# Vehicle Theft Prevention Tips



Smash-and-grab car break-ins and vehicle theft are on the rise across Canada. If your car or the valuable items in it are stolen, repairing the damage and replacing lost items can be a costly and arduous process. While there is no guaranteed way to prevent this kind of theft, there are steps you can take to make your vehicle a much less appealing target.

## Secure your vehicle with the following tips:

- Park your vehicle in a locked or **secure garage**
- Lock the onboard diagnostic port using a simple device (which can be purchased online) that **blocks your vehicle's key fob from being reprogrammed**
- Invest in an aftermarket **global positioning system (GPS) tracker** to assist with recovering the vehicle if it is stolen
- When the vehicle is not in use, place the **key fob inside a radio frequency shielding bag** or pouch
- Consider purchasing a quality **24-hour video surveillance system**, and ensure your cameras are properly placed and functioning
- **Always lock your doors and windows** after entering or exiting your vehicle
- **Never leave your vehicle unattended with the engine running**, even for a few seconds. Turn off the ignition and take the keys with you.
- **Don't hide a spare key** in your car or outside your residence
- **Don't leave** personal identification or **valuables in your vehicle**
- **Remove electronics** and other accessories **from view** when not in your vehicle
- **Invest in anti-theft devices:**
  - Ignition or fuel kill switches
  - Steering wheel, gearshift, and hood locks
  - Steering column collar
  - Electric alarm

## Stay prepared with these precautions in case of theft:

Drop a business card down the panel doors to assist police with identifying the vehicle's registered owner



Record the following information and store it in a safe place:

Year, make, model, and colour of your vehicle

License plate and vehicle identification number (VIN)

Serial numbers for any special equipment

Any dents or scratches that distinguish your vehicle from others

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