

Did You Know?

A vehicle is stolen every 45 seconds in the United States and every 40 minutes

Each year, almost 700,000 vehicles are stolen in the United States and over 13,000 vehicles

50% of the stolen vehicles had the keys inside the vehicle.

60% of the vehicles stolen were left unlocked.

95%

66% of vehicle thefts occur at night.

22% of all stolen vehicles

The Key to Preventing Theft Is In Your Hands

Lock Your Car
Take Your Key
Use an Anti-Theft Device

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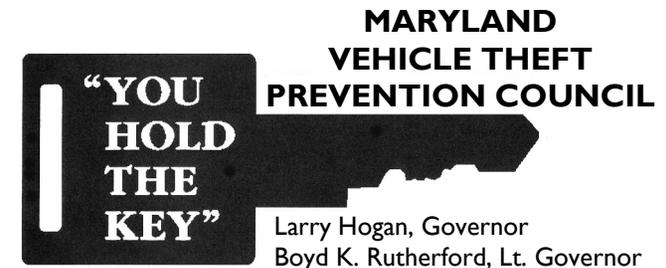
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Preventing Vehicle Theft Is Easier Than You Think!

A thief doesn't like to be seen, or heard or delayed. That's why they take the easy route. Is your vehicle a potential target?

To make your vehicle a tougher target, use the **"Layer Approach"** to vehicle theft prevention. The more layers you use, the tougher it will be for a thief to steal your vehicle.

Layer 1 Common Sense

The Common Sense approach is the simplest and most cost-effective way to thwart thieves. Here are the basics of the Common Sense approach:

- lock your car
- take your keys
- **NEVER** leave your car unattended and running
- park in well-lighted areas
- close your car windows completely
- don't leave valuables in plain view
- don't hide spare keys in/on the car
- keep your registration card with you
- park your car with the wheels turned towards the curb
- rear wheel drive vehicles should be backed into a driveway
- front wheel drive vehicles should be parked front end first in a driveway
- if you have a garage, use it and lock it
- use public parking for short durations

Layer 2 Visible and Audible Deterrents

There are many devices designed to alert thieves that your car is protected, such as:

- audible alarms
- steering wheel locks
- brake pedal locks
- steering column collars
- theft deterrent decals - Maryland "Watch Your Car" program
- tire locks
- window etching

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**"Watch Your Car"
Program**

Layer 3 Vehicle Immobilizers

Vehicle Immobilizers prevent thieves from bypassing the ignition and hot-wiring your car. Examples of these devices include:

- smart keys
- fuse cut offs
- kill switches
- starter, ignition and fuel disablers

Layer 4 Tracking Systems

These high-tech devices are designed to be hidden in your vehicle and, when activated, will emit a signal that the police can monitor and use to locate your vehicle.

**Don't let this happen to your car.
Protect your investment from
theft by employing the
"Four Layer Approach."**



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