



TIP OF THE WEEK

Vehicle Safety

Do you know where your car is? Are you sure? Did you know...

- Every day more than 45 vehicles are stolen and 9 are never seen again.
- Everybody's vehicle is a target for thieves, including family sedans and trucks.
- Vehicles are stolen whenever the opportunity presents itself, but mostly between the hours of 1 am and 5 am.
- Statistics Canada reports NO criminal charges are laid in more than 80% of vehicle thefts in Alberta.

How do you keep your vehicle safe?

No vehicle or anti-theft device is 100% theft-proof and discouraging thieves is not an easy task. A thief's greatest enemy is time. The more difficult your vehicle is to steal, the more time it takes to be stolen. Courtesy of the Edmonton Police Service and AMA, here are some tips to make that thief move to an easier vehicle:

- Always lock your vehicle, even when you are only going to be a 'minute'.
- NEVER leave your vehicle running.
- Park in a well lit area unless you have a garage.
- If you have a garage, USE IT.
- Be careful with your keys; put them in your pocket.
- Secure your registration and insurance documents; they have your home address.
- Completely close car windows, including sunroof, when parking.
- Install a car alarm or steering wheel locking device.
- Turn your stereo off before you get to the parking lot.
- Park with your wheels turned towards the curb.
- Back into your driveway if you have a rear-wheel drive or four-wheel drive vehicle.
- Never leave valuables where they can be seen and remove portable items.
- Engrave expensive accessories – join Operation Identification.
- Join the STOP THIEF program sponsored by AMA.
- Drop business cards, address labels, or other ID inside vehicle doors.
- Activate your vehicle's security system.

If you have information about a crime, contact NAIT Protective Services at 780-471-7477. If you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Your identity will remain anonymous, and if the information you provide leads to a conviction, you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$2000.00.

Everybody benefits, except the criminal.

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