



CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FROM MARYSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

PREVENTING AUTO THEFT

Don't make it easy for a Thief to Steal Your Wheels!

One vehicle is stolen every 20 seconds in the United States. Stolen cars, vans, trucks and motorcycles cost victims time and money – and increase everyone's insurance premiums. They're often used to commit other crimes. The best way for auto theft prevention is to be ready in case it happens to you. Are you covered by your insurance company? Insurance coverage to protect yourself against auto theft is really affordable but you have to look at the right insurance carriers.



*Don't become a
victim of this
serious crime!*

The Basic Prevention Policy

- ❑ Never leave your keys in the car or in the ignition.
- ❑ Always lock your car, even if it's in front of your home or in your garage.
- ❑ Copy your tag number and vehicle identification number (VIN) on a card and keep them with your driver's license. Keep the registration with you, not in the car.
- ❑ Keep the keys to your home and car separate.
- ❑ Keep your car in good running condition. Make sure there's enough gas to get where you're going and back.
- ❑ Avoid parking in isolated areas with little foot or auto traffic. Be especially alert in unstaffed lots.
- ❑ If you think someone is following you, drive to the nearest police or fire station, open service station or other open business to get help.

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