



## AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE



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### “ No Cost” Precautions

Here are a few simple and easy ways to guard against becoming a victim of Auto Theft.

- **Hide** your valuables from plain sight to avoid attracting thieves.
- **Never hide a second set of keys in or on your car.** Extra keys can easily be found by thieves.
- **Park in well-lighted areas or attended lots.** More than half of all vehicle thefts occur at night. Auto thieves do not like witnesses and prefer unattended parking lots. If you park an attended lot, leave only the ignition or door key.
- **Never leave your car running, even if you'll only be gone for a minute.** Vehicles are commonly stolen at convenience stores, gas stations, ATMs, etc. Many vehicles are also stolen on cold mornings when the owner leaves the vehicle running to warm up. Leaving your key in an unattended motor vehicle is a crime in Texas.
- **Don't leave the registration, title, or insurance card in your car.** A car thief will use these to sell your stolen car. File the title and registration at your home or office, and carry your insurance card in your purse or wallet.
- **Park with your wheels turned toward the curb and use your emergency brake.** Make your car tough to tow away. Wheels should also be turned to the side in driveways and parking lots.
- **If you have a garage, use it.** If you have a garage, take the time to use it rather than parking outside where your vehicle is more vulnerable. Lock your garage and your vehicle doors.
- **Disable you vehicle when leaving it unattended for extended period.** Remove the electronic ignition fuse, coil wire, or rotor distributor, or otherwise disable your vehicle any time thieves may have extended access to it.
- **Engrave your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) or personal I.D. number on expensive accessories and parts.** Stolen Cars/parts are more easily traced when VINs have been etched on car windows, major parts, and expensive accessories.
- **Lock your car and take your keys.** Approximately 50% of all vehicles stolen are left unlocked.