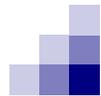


Did you know?

- At least half of all stolen vehicles had the keys left inside of them.
- A majority of all vehicle thefts reported are a result of people leaving their cars unlocked.
- Half of burglary and theft victims subsequently become victims of identity theft.
- Most identity theft crimes occur before the victim ever files a report with their local law enforcement agency.

For more information on how to make your neighborhood a safer place to live, or to start a Neighborhood Watch program, please contact the West Jordan Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at (801) 256-2032 or (801) 256-2033.



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VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION



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FACTS ABOUT AUTO THEFT:

- According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, there were 8,299 reported vehicle thefts in the state of Utah in 2006.
- In most cases, vehicle thefts are “crimes of opportunity.” Suspects often look for “easy” targets and prey upon those who leave themselves vulnerable.



- Approximately one-half of all stolen vehicles were unlocked, and/or had the keys left inside of them.
- Living in urban and higher crime areas has an impact on your risk of being a victim of vehicle theft.
- A vehicle is stolen every 26 seconds in the United States.

Vehicle theft prevention tips:

- Mind your keys! Particularly for women, make sure to keep your purse close to you and secured. Do not leave your purse open or unattended while grocery shopping.
- Be suspicious of people who bump, push, or crowd you while shopping.
- Remove all valuables from your vehicle and do not leave them in plain sight.
- Invest in a car alarm. If one is already installed, be sure to set it when your vehicle is not in use.
- Do not leave the keys in the ignition, even if only for “a minute.” Vehicles are commonly stolen at convenience stores, banks, ATM’s, gas stations, etc.
- Keep your vehicle windows rolled up and closed. Don’t make it easy for a thief to gain entry into your vehicle.
- Never hide a spare key on your vehicle. Extra keys can be easily located and used to steal your vehicle.
- Park your vehicle in well-lit areas.
- If your vehicle breaks down, remove it from the street or parking lot as soon as possible.
- If you have a garage, use it rather than parking your vehicle on the street where it may be more vulnerable to theft.
- Consider installing a “kill switch” or other anti-theft device to disable the vehicle when it is not in use.

Utah’s Top Ten Stolen Vehicles in 2007:

Statistics provided by the National Insurance Crime Bureau

1. 1997 Honda Civic
2. 1992 Honda Accord
3. 1995 Saturn SL
4. 1994 Acura Integra
5. 1994 Nissan Sentra
6. 1994 Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee
7. 1991 Toyota Camry
8. 1997 Ford F-150 series pickup
9. 1997 Nissan Altima
10. 2000 Chevy C/K 1500 series pickup



Please report all crimes to the West Jordan Police Department at (801) 840-4000.