

MSU-ES Dawg Tracks

March, 2009

Safety Tips: Protection from Car Theft



Car thefts are events that you read about in the paper that happens in the big cities, not in rural areas. The climate has changed, no areas are sacred anymore. The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) states that a vehicle is stolen every 26 seconds in the United States.

There are some tips that we can practice to help us reduce the chances of a theft happening to us. The odd thing about practicing these tips is that they are items that we normally wouldn't need to be reminded of. Especially in the areas we all reside in. But here again, times have changed.

Secure your vehicle -

- Lock your garage at home.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Roll all windows up completely.
- Always lock your vehicle. It's good to lock it, even at home if you have a carport.
- Consider installing a car theft alarm or buying a steering wheel locking bar

Secure your property -

- Always hide your valuables
- Never hide a second key in or on your car

Park securely -

When parking on a city street or any street for that matter, turn your wheels toward the curb and set the emergency brake.

When parking in a driveway or parking lot follow these rules -

- If front-wheel drive, pull in forward and set your emergency brake.
- If rear-wheel drive, back into the space and set the emergency brake.

When buying a new vehicle consider looking for -

- A factory immobilizer (computer chip in the key)
- A locking steering wheel
- Other anti-theft devices such as an alarm

Always report any suspicious activity to your local law enforcement!!

*SAFETY IS LIKE A LOCK
BUT YOU ARE THE KEY!!*
**~SAFETY NEVER GOES OUT OF
STYLE~**

Ted Gordon-Risk Mgmt / Loss Control Mgr.
MAFES - MSU-ES
(662) 566-2201
Reprint: www.statefarm.com
6/26/2008