

Common sense steps can help you reduce auto theft:

- Never leave your car running and unattended, even to dash into a neighbor's
- Put your car in the garage if it all possible
- Never leave your keys in the car or ignition, even inside a locked garage
- Roll up your windows and lock the car, even if it is in front of your home
- Never leave valuables in view, even if your car is locked. Put them out of sight
- Carry your drivers' license, registration, and insurance card with you
- Don't leave personal identification documents or credit cards in your vehicle
- Copy your license plate and vehicle identification (VIN) numbers on a card and keep them on you with your driver's license. If your vehicle is stolen, police will need this information promptly.
- Never leave your garage remote unlocked in your car. A thief will take it and wait for you to leave. He then can open your garage door, shut it and get access to your home. Did you lock the door between the house and the garage?
- Make sure your mailbox light is working and you have adequate lighting in driveway. Poorly lit areas are choice theft sites.