



Protect Your Vehicle From Theft!!



Since March 1, 2009 there has been an increase in vehicle thefts in Lincoln. Seven vehicles, primarily Hondas have been taken from streets, parking lots and community parks. Vehicles are usually stolen for one of three reasons; a joy ride, sell for parts, or for resale. There are some steps you can take to minimize becoming a victim.

- Lock your car and take your keys with you even when parked in your driveway.
- Do not hide a spare key on the vehicle.
- Motion-sensor lights mounted over the garage will discourage thieves and alert you to the presence of unwanted “visitors” at night.
- Park in a well-lighted area, close to a corner with foot traffic. To make your vehicle more easily visible, back into the parking space, and if possible park at the end of the row and toward the light source.
- Roll up the windows completely.
- Always remove keys from ignition.
- Avoid leaving a vehicle parked unattended in a public parking lot for a long time.
- When parking in attended lots or parking garages leave only the ignition key with the attendant! Older model vehicle keys and other attached keys can be duplicate.
- Make sure the attendant or valet is actually the authorized attendant. Never have a tag with your name/address on the key ring.
- Always park with the wheels turned toward the curb and apply the emergency brake. This can help prevent towing.
- If you have a garage – use it.
- Lock your garage door. Do NOT leave your garage open enough for someone to crawl under.
- Do NOT leave your car running while it is unattended.
- Back your car into the driveway. If you drive forward into the driveway, a car thief could raise the hood to hot wire the car, and it would appear to the neighbors that you were just working on the car.
- Do NOT leave the car title in the vehicle.

Nearly 1.4 million vehicles are stolen yearly. Although 75% of respondents know that there are costs associated with vehicle deductible and the cost of replacing the vehicle that are not covered by insurance. However, virtually none (One percent) knew that there are additional costs such as insurance premium increases, the cost of time spent dealing with police, vehicle rental costs, and the cost of time off from work. This survey was conducted by Opinion Research Corporation.

The Lincoln Police would like to work with our community citizens in keeping our vehicles safe in Lincoln. **DON'T BE A VICTIM and DON'T MAKE IT EASY FOR THE THIEF!!!!**