PROTECT YOUR VEHICLE

PREVENT VEHICLE THEFT
• If you have key-less ignition and start your car your car may still be stolen even if the key “fob” is not in the car.
• NEVER leave your keys in the ignition, not even 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.
• ALWAYS lock your doors
• Park in a secure garage or gated area when possible
• Park in well-lit areas
• Create a Smart911 Safety Profile and include your vehicle information

INVEST IN AN ANTI-THEFT DEVICE
• Use a brake pedal lock
• Install a hidden kill switch
• Install an audible alarm
• Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Etching
  ▶ Stolen cars/parts are more easily traced when the VIN’s have been etched on car windows and major parts.
• Install a tracking and alert device

IF YOUR VEHICLE IS STOLEN:
• Report it to the police immediately!!
• Be ready to provide the vehicle make, model, year, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and color of the vehicle.
• Contact your insurance company

CALL 911 to report suspicious activity such as:
✓ Checking for car alarms by bumping or hitting the car window/bumpers for sensitivity
✓ Pulling on door handles
✓ Looking into car windows

STAY ALERT especially in these areas:
✓ Parking garages
✓ Parking lots
✓ Street parking

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