

Auto Theft Prevention

The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) and the Colorado Auto Theft Investigators (CATI) recommend a layered approach to preventing auto theft.

1. Use Common Sense

Park in well-lit areas.

Be aware of your surroundings.

Report anything suspicious and avoid suspicious looking people.

Lock your doors.

Close your windows completely.

Take your keys out of the car.

Never leave your car running unattended - not even for a minute.

Remove all items from the car or hide them from view.

2. Visible or Audible Anti-Theft Devices

Audible alarm system

Steering wheel locks

Steering column collars

Theft deterrent decals

Wheel locks

Window/VIN etching

3. Vehicle immobilizer

Smart keys have computer chips that must be present to start the car.

Fuse cut-offs

Kill-switches

Starter, ignition and fuel disablers

4. Tracking system

Install a tracking system that alerts police or a monitoring service when the vehicle is reported stolen.

Avoid carjacking

Drive with windows rolled up and doors locked.

Be aware of your surroundings.

When stopped at a signal, leave enough space between you and the next car to be able to drive away if approached.

Do not enter your car if someone is loitering. Seek help.

Be alert at drive-up ATM's.

If all else fails, don't resist. Your life is more important.