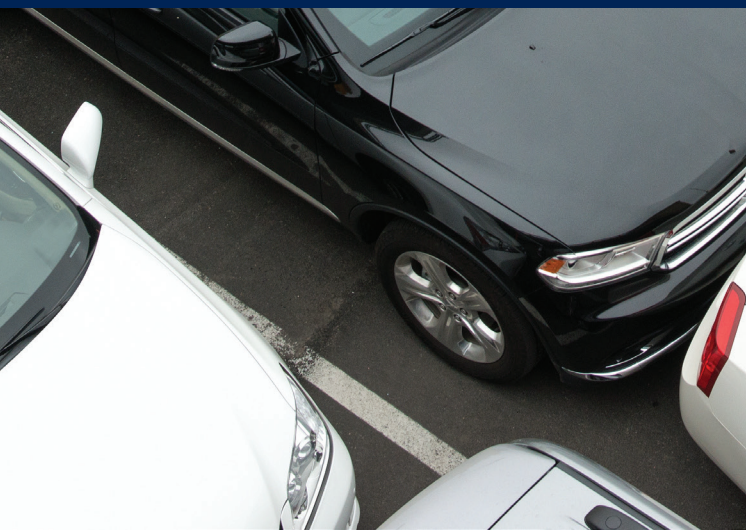




A Common Crime with Easy Prevention

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, auto theft occurs every 31 seconds in the U.S.—roughly one million vehicles in the hands of thieves each year. Whether or not your personal vehicle is stolen, we all pay the price through skyrocketing insurance rates.

Even with factory-installed security systems, following good security practices continues to be your best line of defense against thieves. Put the breaks on vehicle theft with these tips.



Report Fraud Today

If you or someone you know has fallen victim to vehicle theft, don't stay silent. Increase your chances of recovery and protect others in your community by reporting it to local authorities as soon as possible.

Report Fraud to NICB

Call 800-TEL-NICB (800-835-6422)

Submit a form online at
NICB.org/ReportFraud

Access More Information Online

For more information, visit
NICB.org/Prevent-Vehicle-Theft



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Vehicle Theft



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Vehicle Theft is About Greed

By the time you finish reading this paragraph, someone in the United States has had their vehicle stolen.

Though sometimes an isolated incident, a large portion of vehicle thefts occur at the hands of organized crime rings looking to make a profit off innocent individuals.

A stolen vehicle may end up:

- Stripped at a chop shop, with parts sold or installed on other vehicles
- Resold to an unsuspecting party
- Shipped overseas and sold on the black market



Put the Brakes on Vehicle Theft

When it comes to protecting your vehicle from theft, you can take steps to help make your car or truck less of a target for criminals.

Defense at no cost to you

You can integrate these simple habits into your life right now at no cost.

- Roll up windows, lock doors, and take the keys and/or fob with you
- Remove valuables or secure them out of sight
- Park in well-lit areas and/or areas visible to you
- Never leave your car running unattended

Security devices for further protection

For additional protection, you can install supplemental security devices. Visible devices act as an additional deterrent!

- Steering wheel locks
- Vehicle immobilizers
- Break locks
- Audible alarms
- GPS tracking tags
- Plug-in GPS trackers
- Hardwired GPS trackers



Reporting your stolen vehicle immediately leads to a 34% chance of recovery in the first 24 hours.

If Your Vehicle is Stolen...

Keep this essential information on hand to provide the police:

- Make and model of vehicle
- Color of vehicle
- License plate number
- Vehicle identification number (VIN)

Don't forget to notify your insurer about the theft and let them know you filed a police report.