

**CRIME PREVENTION
TIP OF THE MONTH**

AUGUST

AUTO THEFT

You can reduce the risk of theft of your unattended car, its parts, or contents by observing these precautions:

1. Lock ignition- remove the key
2. Lock doors and windows. Eighty percent of the cars stolen were unlocked.
3. Don't leave valuables in plain sight.
4. Keep your keys with you. Don't hide your key anywhere in, on, or under the car.
5. Separate car and house keys when leaving your car in a garage or parking lot.
6. Do not leave ownership papers, registration, insurance cards or credit cards in the car.
7. Extra protection for convertibles: Install a protective device that will prevent a thief from "jumping" your ignition lock.
8. Park in lighted areas at night. During daylight, park in a busy area.
9. If your car is stolen report the theft immediately to the local police. Be prepared to give all information to them.
10. Mark auto accessories with your driver license number. Accessories such as wheels and wheel covers can be engraved.