

WEST ORANGE POLICE COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT



Vehicle Theft Prevention Tips

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WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Lock your car - half of all vehicles stolen are left unlocked
- Take your keys - nearly 20% of all vehicles stolen have the keys in them
- Park in well-lit areas - car thefts occur at night more than half the time
- Park in attended lots - car thieves do not like witnesses
- Do not leave your vehicle running and unattended
- Completely close your car windows

- Do not leave valuables in plain view
- Do not hide a spare set of keys in the car - the pros know where to look
- If you have a garage, use it - when you do, lock both the vehicle and the garage door

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CAR IS STOLEN

- Make sure your car is actually gone / Ask yourself if it might have been towed
- Notify the Police Department (Know your vehicle information i.e. license plate, make, model, year, color, & any special marking)
- Call OnStar/LoJack
- Ask people nearby if they saw anything
- Call your insurance company
- The Police Department needs your assistance in tracking and determining what areas may be experiencing an increase in auto thefts. Report all incidents of auto thefts to the Police Department at 973-325-4000. For emergencies or crimes progress, dial 911.

WARNING DEVICE

- Audible alarms - Steering wheel locks -Steering column locks - Brake locks - Tire locks -Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etching on vehicle windows.