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Vehicle Theft and Theft of Valuables – Security Tips

**Vehicle theft and thefts from vehicles are rapidly increasing.
You can help prevent car theft and theft of valuables if you apply the following tips.**

Most cars are taken by amateurs. Protect your car against this type of crime by taking the following sensible precautions:

Lock Up

- An unlocked car is an open invitation to a car thief. Lock up whenever you leave your car, *and take the keys with you.*
- Lock the trunk or tailgate.
- Close all windows – professional thieves have tools that unlock cars through the smallest of openings.
- When you park the car, remove cellular phones and mobile GPS systems, stereo faceplates, and other valuable possessions. Do not leave gift-wrapped packages, laptops or cameras lying on the seat. Lock all valuables in your trunk or take them with you.

Park Carefully

- If possible park your car in a Kaiser lot and not out on the street.
- Never attach a tag with your name and address to your key ring. If the keys are lost or stolen, the tag will lead the thief directly to your car – and your home
- At night, park in well-lit areas.
- Turn wheels sharply toward the curb when parking on the street. This makes it extra difficult for thieves to tow your car.

Operation ID

- Record your vehicle identification, the number located on a small metal plate on the dashboard of your vehicle, and store it in a safe place.

Use “anti-theft” devices

- Consider the purchase and installation of security devices such as:
 - Interior hood lock and release
 - Second ignition switch or “kill switch” to prevent electrical current from reaching the distributor coil
 - Fuel switch to prevent fuel from reaching the carburetor
 - Locking gas cap
 - Locking devices for batteries, wheels, decks, etc.
 - Alarm device to activate a siren, horn or lights – or all three – to frighten the thief away
 - Device that attaches to the steering wheel or brake pedal