

CALL THE POLICE WHEN:

- *You observe suspicious-acting person(s)
- *You observe suspicious vehicle(s)
- *Criminal Activity is or has occurred.

Remember: If something doesn't look right, it probably isn't.

Notify the police, security personnel or management!

When parking your vehicle in any parking lot or at your residence, remember the following vehicle security tips:

An unlocked car is an open invitation to a car thief.

Close all windows

Be sure the vent or wind-wing windows are shut tight and locked.

When you park your car, REMOVE ALL VALUABLES and take them with you.

Always lock your car, even if you are making a quick stop like the gas station, ATM, etc.

If your car has an alarm, use it.

During evening/night time hours, park in well lit areas.



**EMERGENCY
911**

**NON-EMERGENCY
559-621-7000**

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Dispatch	559-621-7000
NE District	559-621-6400
NW District	559-621-6500
SW District	559-621-6100
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City of Fresno One Call Center
559-621-CITY

Vehicle Security And Auto Theft Prevention



YOU CAN PREVENT YOURSELF FROM BEING A VICTIM!

Most cars are taken by amateurs who can be stopped fairly easily. Protect your car against this type of crime by taking the following sensible precautions:

Lock it up

- An unlocked car is an open invitation to a car thief. Lock up when you leave your car, and take the keys with you.
- Close all windows— cars can be unlocked through the smallest openings.
- Do not leave any valuables in sight!
- When you park the car, remove cell phones, iPods, stereo face-plates, GPS units and mounts, purses and wallets, and any other valuable possessions. Lock all valuables in your trunk or take them with you.
- Lock your car even if you are making a quick stop at the gas station, convenience store or mini-mall. Do not leave your car idling, even for a moment.
- Don't leave your car in unattended public parking lots for an extended period. A car is five times more likely to be stolen from an unattended lot than from the street or an attended lot.
- If possible, park your car in a lot where you don't have to leave your keys.
- 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 to your home.
- At night, park in well-lit areas with lots of people around.
- Turn wheels sharply toward the curb when parking, this makes it harder for thieves to tow your car.

Operation Identification

- With an electric engraver, etch your driver's license number (preceded by the letters "CA") on stereo equipment and other valuable items.
- Record your vehicle identification number (located on a small metal plate on the dashboard of newer cars) and store it in a safe place.

Use anti-theft devices

- The best lock to use on your vehicle is the one that you use every time you park your car. No lock will work if you do not apply it.
- Do not rely on the manufacturers anti-theft devices. ***Always use a device that attaches to the steering wheel*** or brake pedal especially if your car is a high target vehicle.
- When buying a car, check the manufacturer's list of anti-theft options, such as interior hood and trunk releases, locking steering columns and others.
- Consider the purchase and installation of security devices, such as:
 - ⇒ Interior hood lock release.
 - ⇒ Second ignition switch or "kill switch" to prevent car from starting.
 - ⇒ Fuel switch to shut off fuel in case of theft.
 - ⇒ Locking gas cap.
 - ⇒ Locking devices for wheels, tailgates, etc.
 - ⇒ Alarm device to activate a siren, horn, and lights to frighten the thief away.

Anti-Theft Locks are available through the Fresno Police Neighborhood Watch Association for a \$15 donation. Contact your local District Station or Crime Prevention Officer for more information.

Carjacking

This is a violent, random form of auto theft. A driver of any vehicle can be a target of someone with a weapon. It can happen anywhere, day or night. Here are some precautions:

- Keep your doors locked.
- Park in well-lit, busy areas.
- Be alert of your surroundings, of people approaching your vehicle.
- Stick with the traffic, avoid lightly traveled streets, especially after dark.
- Keep car and house keys on separate key chains.
- Keep the garage door opener in your purse or briefcase.
- When stopped in traffic, always leave enough room to make an emergency getaway.
- If someone is threatening you with a weapon, ***give up the vehicle — it's not worth your life.***

