

Prevention Capsule



Tips for preventing vehicle theft

Every year in Canada, thousands of vehicles are stolen, resulting in financial losses, and causing stress and anxiety for their owners. However, by taking the following measures, it is possible to reduce the risk of theft and protect your vehicle.

Layered approach

Layer one describes simple, common-sense safety tips:



- Keep car doors locked at all times
- Never leave keys in the ignition or start the vehicle remotely, even on cold days
- Ensure windows are closed completely when leaving the car
- Park the vehicle in well-lit areas

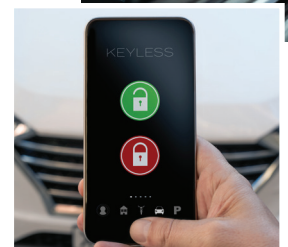
The second layer involves installing visible or audible anti-theft devices:

- Audible alarms
- Steering column collars
- Steering wheel/brake pedal lock
- On-board diagnostic (OBD) port lock
- Brake and/or wheel locks
- Theft deterrent decals
- Identification markers in or on the vehicle
- Window etchings



Layer 3 is to install some form of vehicle immobilizer:

- Smart keys
- Fuse cut-offs
- Kill switches
- Starter, ignition, and fuel disablers
- Wireless ignition authentication




The fourth layer is to invest in a tracking system:

- Tracking services can install multiple, difficult-to-locate tracking devices throughout a vehicle. These devices can help track stolen vehicles.



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Finding a licensed contractor who has the right skill set to manage the repairs or inspection of your vehicle is recommended.

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