



9TH POLICE DISTRICT
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MOST CRIMES COMMITTED IN THE CENTER CITY AREA INVOLVE EITHER THEFT FROM, OR THEFT OF VEHICLES. IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO CARRY A PORTABLE CELLULAR PHONE SO THAT YOU CAN CALL FOR HELP WITHOUT LEAVING YOUR CAR. DO NOT LEAVE THE PHONE IN THE CAR WHEN YOU GET OUT, CELLULAR PHONES ARE OFTEN STOLEN. THE 9TH POLICE DISTRICT IS MAKING THIS FLYER AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF CENTER CITY. IT IS HOPED THAT YOU WILL READ IT AND HEED THE SUGGESTIONS WE MAKE.

**TIPS TO PREVENT THEFTS
FROM VEHICLES**

- Don't leave valuables in your vehicle, but if you do, never leave them in plain sight.
- Install "slide out" car radios and CB radios.
- When parking in a public parking garage, only leave the ignition key with the attendant.
- Never leave anything in your car with your home address on it.
- Don't put your name/address on your key ring.
- Common sense is one of the best tools you have to prevent theft. If you leave an invitation to steal, someone will always accept it.

TIPS TO PREVENT THE THEFT OF YOUR VEHICLE

- Try to park in a well lit area.
- Be sure to take your keys and lock your door.
- Install a good car alarm system, but don't put alarm decal on window.
- Install a secondary ignition switch (kill switch).
- Replace "T" shaped door locks with straight "anti-theft" type.
- Use your steering wheel lock, if you don't have one, get one!
- Don't hide a second set of keys in your car.
- Never leave your car running unattended.
- Don't let a potential buyer test drive a car alone.
- Never leave your registration/insurance cards in car.
- Always keep a copy of your registration/insurance card in a safe place at home.
- Deal only with reputable used car dealers.
- When buying a car from an individual, verify his ID, ask about past financing and insurance, and verify information. Make sure VIN on car matches VIN on title. Be sure the inspection sticker and registration tag are current and issued by same state. Ask for manufacturer's keys, not copies. Complete all paperwork at time of sale, titles are frequently counterfeited.
- Register your car with your Police District's S.A.V.E. Program. (Stolen Auto Verification Effort). This program allows a Police Officer to stop your car for investigation if it is seen being driven between midnight and 6 AM, the hours that most car thieves operate.
- Keep your car in good running condition, and keep gas tank at least a quarter full.
- Lock doors while driving.

DON'T BE CARELESS OR TAKE NEEDLESS RISKS. IF YOUR CAR IS STOLEN, OR YOU SEE A THEFT HAPPENING, DIAL 911, AND GIVE THE 911 OPERATOR YOUR INFORMATION.