

IS THIS THE MESSAGE YOU WANT TO SEND?

- The City of Minneapolis has experienced more than 700 Auto Thefts; 33 Car Jackings and 260 Thefts from Motor Vehicle in the first month of 2023.
- This alarming statistic is noteworthy. Many of these vehicles were stolen with a key or fob left in the car or when the vehicle was left running and unoccupied.
- PLEASE if you are exiting your vehicle for ANY reason, including delivery or pickup, shut the car off and remove the key or fob.
- If you walk away from a running vehicle and take the fob with you, the vehicle can still be stolen and driven until the thieves shut it off or it runs out of gas.
- By leaving it running you are inviting trouble and inconvenience.
- Some stolen vehicles are used in many subsequent crimes including stealing additional cars.
- Stay aware of your surroundings. Shut the car off, lock it and take the keys or fob with you – ALWAYS.
- Do not leave valuables, bags, backpacks, or similar items in plain view within your vehicle. Take these items with you or lock them in your trunk. Thieves regularly break vehicle windows and take items they can see.
- Parking in a ramp or a private parking garage does not protect your vehicle from thieves. PLEASE FOLLOW THE LISTED GUIDELINES ABOVE.
- Lock your Car; Take your keys or fob; Hide or remove your belongings.
- Car owners are encouraged to take additional measures to safeguard their vehicle. Options include an alarm system or a steering wheel locking device.



DO NOT give thieves an open invitation to steal your vehicle.

For additional Crime Map and Statistics

<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/resident-services/public-safety/police-public-safety/crime-maps-dashboards/>

For additional information or to contact your Crime Prevention Specialist

<https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/government/departments/ncr/what-we-do/cps/>

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