



## Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority

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### **Governor Proclaims July “Watch Your Car Month”**

*The State Urges Texans to Protect Themselves from Auto Burglary and Theft*

(AUSTIN, Texas – July 19, 2022) With summer being the busiest time of year for auto burglary and theft, Governor Greg Abbott has declared July “Watch Your Car Month.” The [proclamation](#) notes that Texans experience nearly two billion dollars in losses every year due to motor vehicle crime.

“There are simple steps everyone can take to reduce the chance of their car getting burglarized or stolen,” said Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) Chairman and Laredo Police Assistant Chief Mike Rodriguez. “I commend the governor for bringing attention to this very important issue.”

MVCPA offers these tips for Texans to make sure their vehicles are not easy targets for burglars and thieves:

- Always lock your vehicle and take your keys.
- Never leave your car unattended while it is running.
- Park in a well-lit area.
- Take valuables with you when you are not in your vehicle or keep them out of sight.
- Install an anti-theft device.

For more information about how to protect your vehicle and property, visit MVCPA online at [www.TxDmv.gov/motorists/consumer-protection/auto-theft-prevention](http://www.TxDmv.gov/motorists/consumer-protection/auto-theft-prevention).

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The Texas Legislature established MVCPA in 1991 to combat motor vehicle theft, burglary, and fraud-related motor vehicle crime in Texas. This is the 29<sup>th</sup> year the authority has issued funding.

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