



LOCK IT

OR LOSE IT

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The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) and Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) are encouraging citizens to "Lock It or Lose It." The goal of the proactive crime prevention program is to encourage drivers to take a few simple precautions that will protect their vehicles from theft.

An unlocked door or an open window is an invitation to thieves. The goal of the "Lock It or Lose It" program reminds drivers to always:

- Roll up their vehicles' windows;
- Keep valuables out of sight;
- Lock their doors; and
- Pocket their keys.

In partnership with IBC, vehicles parked in a variety of locations are checked to confirm that they are locked and that no valuables have been left in plain view. A small flyer placed on every vehicle checked indicates what safety precautions were neglected and offers a few simple prevention tips drivers can use to protect their vehicles against theft.

Auto theft costs Canadians more than \$1 billion every year. About half of all stolen vehicles are used to commit another crime or are driven – often recklessly – for simple purposes of transportation (this is called 'destination theft'). In these cases, the thieves are usually amateurs who take advantage of owner negligence by grabbing the first vehicle they can find that's been left unsecured. In the other half of cases, vehicles are stolen by professional thieves involved in organized crime rings.

The key to protecting your vehicle is in your hands. Keep yourself from becoming an easy target by properly securing your vehicle. Remember: Lock It or Lose It!

More details about crime-proofing may be found on-line at:

www.ibc.ca/en/Insurance_Crime/Auto_Theft/





Crime Prevention Program

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AUTO THEFT PROTECTION TIPS

A professional can steal your vehicle in just 30 seconds.

A vehicle with an unlocked door or an open window is an easy target. Protect your vehicle from theft. Always roll up your vehicle's windows, lock the doors and pocket the keys when you park your car. Park in a well-lit area and never leave valuables in plain view.

✓ Always roll up your vehicle's windows, lock the doors and pocket the key.

✗ Never leave your vehicle unattended while it is running.

✓ If you have a garage, use it and lock the door as well as your vehicle.

✗ Never leave your car keys in plain view or in an easily accessible area.

✓ Keep your vehicle registration certificate and proof of insurance on you at all times. Don't leave these documents in your glove compartment.

✓ Always park your vehicle in a well-lit area.

✗ Never leave valuable objects or packages in full view. Put them in the trunk.

✓ Give only your ignition key to a parking lot attendant. Keep all other keys with you.

→ Inform your local police department or call the IBC TIPS Line at **1-877-IBC-TIPS**, if you see vehicles or vehicle-related activities that look suspicious.



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