

# Valley NEA

(HELP ELIMINATE AUTO THEFT)

## Auto Theft Facts



- An auto theft occurs every 23 seconds in the United States.
- Arizona leads the nation in auto thefts per capital
- Nearly half of all stolen vehicles were left unlocked.
- 20% of stolen vehicles had the keys left inside the vehicle.
- Most stolen vehicles did not have an anti-theft device in use.
- Stolen vehicles are routinely used in the commission of other crimes.



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## Keys to Auto Theft Prevention

- 🔑 Lock your doors and roll up your windows.
- 🔑 Take your keys with you.
- 🔑 Hide valuables in the trunk if you must leave them in your car.
- 🔑 Secure the vehicle inside your garage.
- 🔑 Park in well lit and traveled areas.
- 🔑 Store your title in a secure place, not inside the car.
- 🔑 **Consider:**
  - Using a steering wheel locking device
  - Car alarm
  - Vehicle tracking device
  - Installing a "Kill Switch"
  - Having the VIN # etched on the windows
- 🔑 When purchasing a vehicle make sure the title matches the VIN, make and model. Immediately transfer the title into your name.
- 🔑 Memorize your license plate number and have it immediately accessible.
- 🔑 Enroll in the **Watch Your Car Program** by calling 1-888-668-4433.
- 🔑 *The best prevention is to make your vehicle more difficult to steal*

Contact your local police department or the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority for additional information.



Watch Your Car

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