



Crime Prevention Tips

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Don't Be A Statistic! Help Prevent Auto Theft

Auto theft is a crime of opportunity. One of the biggest problems facing the Sheriff's Office is "puffers". What are puffers? Puffers are cars left running, unattended. Many times in the winter, a person will leave their car running outside their residence for it to warm up. Some puffers are cars left out side of stores or businesses with the intention of keeping the car warm in the cold weather. After all, you're only going to be inside for a minute, right? Well, a minute is all a car thief needs. Don't become a statistic. The good news is, as with many crimes of opportunity, there are things you can do to decrease your chance of becoming a victim.

- Don't leave your car running unattended. (Did you know that it is illegal in the state of Colorado to leave your keys in a running vehicle? CRS 42-4-1206).
- Always close and secure your garage door. (No matter the time of day. Thieves are always looking for the split second they need to take something you worked hard for.)
- Do not leave keys in your vehicle. (Even if you lock your car it only takes a second for a car thief to break the window and make off with your car.)
- Remove your valuables from your vehicle when you're not in it. (This is most important when shopping at a mall or grocery store.)
- Always lock your doors. (A car thief will look for the cars that aren't locked first because those are the easiest targets.)
- Report all suspicious persons and activities to the Sheriff's Office immediately.

There are no guarantees in life, however following these simple safety suggestions will help to reduce the chances that you may become the victim of an auto thief.

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303-795-4711