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HOW TO PREVENT STOLEN AUTOS

- Always lock your car
- Do not leave your keys in your car
- Do not leave your car running and unattended
 - Leaving your car running and unattended is actually illegal and you can potentially receive a traffic ticket for doing it
 - If you report your car as stolen to the Baltimore City Police and you left it unattended and running, you will more than likely receive a moving citation.
- Use a steering wheel locking device such as the “Club”
- Consider having a “kill switch” installed
 - This is a switch that is placed somewhere in the interior of the car that when in the off position does not permit your car to be started by turning of the key or the forcing of the ignition switch
- Information from a reformed car thief
 - Car thieves may intentionally activate your car alarm several times.
 - They will hide under your car hoping you will deactivate the alarm
 - They will then steal your car
 - Car thieves prefer stealing cars with darkly tinted windows
 - As they make it difficult for you to see them as they drive off in a stolen vehicle.
 - Also, during a carjacking, no one can see the victim indicating for help
- WATCH YOUR CAR
 - WATCH YOUR CAR is a national vehicle theft prevention program funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice. It is a voluntary vehicle registration program designed to deter auto theft and assist in the apprehension of auto thieves. Vehicle owners sign an agreement stating their vehicle is not normally used between the hours of 1:00am and 5:00am. If a police officer observes the vehicle being driven anywhere in the United States during these hours, they may stop the vehicle and verify the vehicle owner is operating it, or a person designated by the owner.
 - The Watch Your Car Program is administered by the Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council and is provided as a public service, free of charge, to owners of vehicles registered in the State of Maryland.
 - To register your vehicle(s) in WATCH YOUR CAR set your internet browser to:
<http://mdsp.maryland.gov/Organization/Pages/OfficeoftheSuperintendent/WatchYourCarProgram.aspx> and complete the online application