

Recommended level of protection for your vehicle

First layer 0-5 points: Common Sense

An unlocked vehicle with a key in the ignition is an open invitation to any thief, regardless of which anti-theft device you use. The common sense approach to protection is the simplest and most cost-effective way to thwart would-be thieves.

Second layer 6-10 points: Warning device

A visible or audible device alerts thieves that your vehicle is protected before they attempt to steal it. Steering wheel locks and alarms help protect your car against theft and burglary. Check with your local law enforcement agency for special programs they may offer to deter car theft.

Third layer 11-12 points: Immobilizing device

Electronic immobilizing devices prevent thieves by bypassing your ignition and hot wiring the vehicle. Some devices have computer chips in ignition keys. Other manual devices inhibit the flow of electricity or fuel to the engine until a hidden switch is activated. A third category passively immobilizes the vehicle by interrupting the starter, ignition and fuel.

Fourth layer Over 12 points: Tracking device

A tracking system emits a signal to police or monitoring service when the vehicle is reported stolen. Tracking systems are very effective in helping authorities recover stolen vehicles. Many car dealerships offer such devices for new automobiles. Check with your local police department to see if they participate in a particular program such as "Lojack".



Anti-theft devices

Alarm: An audible car alarm is great deterrent to thieves. Alarms are also available that send a signal to your pager or call your mobile phone to alert you if the alarm has been activated. Alarms are also available for motorcycles.

VIN etching: Etch in your car's VIN number in the glass and other portions of your car make it very difficult for thieves to conceal the car's true ownership and make it easier for police to identify.

Steering wheel/airbag lock: This device locks your steering wheel and prevents air-bag theft. They are very visible to would-be thieves.

Brake/clutch pedal lock: This device slides over the top of the pedal and is almost impossible to cut. All new cars require you to depress the brake before you can put your vehicle in gear, therefore the thief can't drive off.

Kill Switch: This switch can prevent the flow of electricity or fuel to the engine by using a special switch or key.

Tracking: This can be placed in numerous areas in your car. The location is not even revealed to the car's owner. Once your car is reported stolen, a tracking device will emit a signal to help police track the car. Check with local law enforcement to see if they participate with a particular program.

For more information on auto theft and burglary, contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 433-1033/34.

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AUTO THEFT AND B&E PREVENTION

Car & Motorcycle Theft Prevention



Crime Prevention Unit

Prevention is Key



Approximately every 27 seconds, a car is stolen in the United States. Is your car next? Most incidences of car theft and Breaking and Entering (B&E) are the result of careless mistakes. Leaving doors unlocked and purses in the car are a few of the scenarios that invite thieves to help themselves to your car and other belongings.

Following are steps you can take to prevent your car or motorcycle from being the target of a crime.

1. Be aware of what's going on around you.
2. Lock your car at all times, even in your driveway.
3. Never hide a spare key on the vehicle.
4. Remove keys from the ignition.
5. Do not leave your car running while unattended.
6. Roll up windows completely.
7. Park in a well lighted area.
8. Park as close as possible to an open business.
9. If you have a garage, use it, and always lock the door.
10. When going out of town, if possible remove the distributor cap or the coil wire.
11. Motorcycles should be stored in a garage.
12. If a garage is not available, it should be secured to a permanent fixture.



Motorcycles are a hot item in Fayetteville.

If your car is stolen...

- ♦ Call the police immediately.
- ♦ Have the license plate number and/or vehicle identification number available.
- ♦ Quick action often results in the recovery of your vehicle.
- ♦ If the suspect is arrested, be willing to press charges.
- ♦ Testify in court.

How to help identify your car or motorcycle...

- ♦ Etch the VIN on window glass.
- ♦ Engrave expensive accessories such as radios, t-tops, and expensive parts with the VIN number.
- ♦ Retain copies of all vehicle paperwork at home in a safe place.

Top Ten Cars Stolen in North Carolina

1. Honda Accord.
2. Ford full size pickup (150/250/350).
3. Chevrolet full size C/K pickup.
4. Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee.
5. Toyota Camry.
6. Honda Civic.
7. Ford Explorer.
8. Chrysler/Dodge/Plymouth Neon.
9. Dodge Caravan.
10. Ford Taurus.

In Fayetteville, the Ford Expedition, Chevrolet S10, and Cavalier vehicles, and the Suzuki GSXR600 and 750 motorcycles are some of the most commonly stolen motor vehicles. In 2004, motorcycle made up approximately 25 percent of all stolen vehicles in Fayetteville.

Layered Vehicle Protection

Answer the following questions and add up your score. Your score will give you an idea of the level of protection you need to protect your car.

Location: What is your city's population? (hint: Fayetteville has a population of approximately 131,000)

More than 250,000	8 points
250,000-100,001	6 points
100,000-50,001	4 points
50,000-10,000	2 points
Less than 10,000	0 points

Vehicle styles: What type of vehicle do you drive?

Sports car	5 points
Motorcycle	4 points
Luxury car	4 points
Utility vehicle	4 points
Sedan	3 points
Passenger van	1 points
Station wagon	0 points

Vehicle age: How old is your vehicle?

0-5 years	2 points
6-9 years	1 points
10 + years	0 points

Bonus: Add one point if you live within 100 miles of an international border or port.

Total: Add up your total score to determine the level of protection recommended due to the level of risk for auto theft associated with your vehicle.

The recommended level of protection is located on the next page.