



# auto crime

Auto thieves look for an easy target. If you own an older vehicle, it's at high risk of being stolen or broken into. Older vehicles often don't have an effective anti-theft device and are easy to steal.

## Protect yourself against auto crime:

- Use an anti-theft device and remove any packages or personal property from sight.
- Electronic immobilizers are the best protection. They're hard wired into vehicles and shut down the starter, ignition and/or fuel system. They require a special key or electronic device to start the engine, and usually attach to your key ring.
- Steering wheel locks are a good visual deterrent for auto thieves, but offer a lower form of protection.
- Park in well-lit areas, near pedestrian traffic.
- Remove possessions from your vehicle—shopping bags, spare change, electronics, brief cases, etc.
- Don't keep spare keys to your vehicle in the vehicle. Remove valet keys.
- Keep your garage door opener out of sight. If parking on the street outside your residence, take the garage door opener with you.
- Wait for the garage door gate to close behind you. Thieves could take this opportunity to slip inside the parkade.

## Trends: 2003 to 2013 auto crime incidents in B.C.

- Stolen vehicle claims have declined 75 per cent from 2003 to 2013.
- Stolen vehicle claims have declined nine per cent from 2012 to 2013.
- Vehicle break-in claims have declined 68 per cent from 2003 to 2013.
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## Top 10 stolen vehicles in B.C. in 2013:

1. Ford F Series\*
2. Honda Civic
3. Honda Accord
4. Chrysler (Dodge/Plymouth) Ram
5. Chevrolet/GMC Silverado/Sierra pickup
6. Chrysler (Dodge/Plymouth) Caravan/Voyager
7. Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee
8. Ford Econoline E350/E450
9. Acura Integra
10. Toyota Corolla

*\*Includes Ford F150, F250, F350, F450, F550, F650, F750.*

## The top 10 items stolen from vehicles:\*\*

1. Smartphones
2. Personal electronics—tablets, laptops, iPods, GPS
3. Work tools
4. Credit cards and identification
5. Stereo equipment
6. Cash and change
7. Car parts and accessories
8. Garage door openers
9. Sunglasses
10. Keys

*\*\* As reported by IMPACT Integrated Municipal Provincial Auto Crime Team.*

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