

## Preventing Auto Theft

- Park your vehicle in well lit, busy areas.
- Always lock your car.
- Always lock your valuables in the trunk or take them with you.
- Give the attendant only your ignition key.
- Take your registration and insurance card with you.
- Copy your VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) and know your license plate number.
- Etch your VIN on your vehicle's windows, doors, fenders, and trunk lid.
- If your car is stolen or broken into, report it to the police immediately. Stolen vehicles are often used in other crimes and the sooner it is reported, the better chance of recovery.

## Your Responsibility as A Car Owner

- If you move notify the department of Motor vehicles so that your address on the vehicle listing can be changed.
- Have the Vehicle Identification Number checked before buying a car from someone other than a reputable automobile dealer. If the car is found to be stolen, you will probably be out the money.
- NEVER let a prospective buyer take your car for a test drive alone. Always go with them.
- NEVER keep the vehicles title of ownership in the car and do not sign it until you transfer ownership.

## Failure to Remove the Ignition Key

- Is a violation of the law if parked on public property.
- Invites theft.
- Could become a contributing cause to an innocent person's injury or death.
- Can raise your insurance rates.

## Remember

Always lock all car doors. Do not make the criminal's job easier!