

Don't let your car be a victim!



San Diego County's top crimes are vehicle theft and vehicle burglary.

They can be prevented.

PREVENT VEHICLE THEFT

Get a hidden kill switch.

Thieves don't like them because they can't find them! \$15-\$125; installed in automotive electric shops

Other ways to deter thieves:

- Use a brake pedal lock
- Park in a secure garage or gated area when possible
- Always lock your doors
- NEVER leave your keys in the ignition, even for a minute!

Looking for a new car?

Make sure it has a transponder-based passive immobilizer. Visit www.chulavistapd.org/autotheft/immob for a listing of newer vehicles with this feature.

PREVENT VEHICLE BURGLARY

NEVER leave valuables in view, even if your car is locked!!

- Purses and wallets
- Briefcases/backpacks
- Money/credit cards
- Cell phones
- Sports equipment
- Computers
- CDs
- Cameras
- Clothing

Other ways to deter thieves from breaking into your car:

- Always lock your car.
- Completely close car windows.
- Take out removable radios/face plates.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Park in attended lots.
- Install an audible alarm.
- Avoid parking between large vehicles.

Call 911 if you see suspicious activities such as:

- Pulling on door handles
- Looking into car windows
- Lookouts.
- Nervous--looking around, moving slowly or quickly.
- Checking for car alarms by bumping or hitting the window or bumpers for sensitivity.

Take extra care in these areas:

- Trolley stations
- Apartment complex parking lots
- Shopping centers
- Fitness center parking lots
- On-street parking at night

Get your neighborhood crime statistics at www.crimemapping.com/