



# auto crime

According to police data, vehicle thefts decreased nearly two per cent in British Columbia yet vehicle break-ins increased more than one per cent in 2015 compared to 2014.\*

## Protect yourself against auto crime:

- 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.
- Keep your keys secure at all times. Don't leave your keys unguarded—even at a restaurant or the gym.
- Always lock your doors and close your windows, even if you're away from your vehicle for just a minute.
- Remove electronics and valuables including smartphones, GPS and keys and put anything in the trunk that could tempt a thief—even loose change or empty shopping bags.
- Don't store your spare or valet key in your vehicle.

## Top 10 stolen vehicles in B.C. in 2015:\*\*

1. Honda Civic (and CRX)
2. Honda Accord
3. Ford F350
4. Acura Integra
5. Ford F150XLT
6. Ford F250 Supercab
7. Dodge Caravan
8. Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee
9. Toyota Corolla
10. Toyota Camry.

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

- smartphones
- personal electronics—tablets, laptops, iPods, GPS
- work tools
- credit cards and identification
- stereo equipment
- cash and change
- car parts and accessories
- garage door openers
- sunglasses
- keys.

\* Source: RCMP's PRIME-BC information system which includes data from all municipal police departments and RCMP detachments.

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

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