

# Levels of Coverage Continued

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The last level is to use a tracking device.

Tracking devices emit a signal to law enforcement or a monitoring company when you report your vehicle stolen.



### Know your Vehicle

Color:		Make:
Model:		License Plate Number:
VIN Number		Bumper Stickers:
Any Major damage or visible indicators:		

For more information on this and other department services, contact:

**Flathead County Sheriff's Office  
Community Resource Unit  
406.758.5602**

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## Vehicle Theft Prevention



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# Why is there Vehicle Theft?

Across the country vehicle theft is a serious problem. In one year there were over 950,000 vehicle thefts throughout the country. There are many reasons why vehicles are stolen, for example, it could be as easy as a person needing a means of transportation. Stolen cars are usually meant as a means of transportation for other physical activity such as a bank robbery, homicides, credit card fraud, etc. Most vehicles are stolen in the late hours of the night.

# What to do if your vehicle is stolen?

Even if you follow everything by the book to protect your vehicle, it could still be stolen. Take these steps to be better prepared to help law enforcement in case your vehicle is stolen.

Make sure to call the police immediately. When dealing with vehicle theft time is essential. Be prepared to give all the details about your car like the vin number, license plate number, color, brand, year, etc.

Try to keep a copy of your insurance card and vehicle registration on you at all times.







Annually review your insurance policy to make sure you have the proper coverage in case your vehicle is stolen.

If you catch someone messing with your car call 911 immediately.



# Levels of Coverage

The first level is common sense. This is the most simplistic approach and most cost effective way to deter thieves.

-  Park in areas that have a lot of lighting and if possible ones that are attended
-  Do not leave anything of value in plain sight
-  Do not leave your vehicle running while unattended
-  Make sure all windows are closed all the way
-  Do not leave a spare set of keys in the car
-  Park in the garage if you have one

The second level is use a warning device. Some of the more common devices that are used are audible alarms, steering wheel and/or column locks, brake and/or tire locks, and id markers on the vehicle itself.

The third level is use an immobilizing device: such as smart keys, high security locks, kill switches, and fuse cut-offs. These devices will help prevent thieves from bypassing the ignition and hotwiring your car.

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