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Tips to Prevent Auto Theft

Tacoma, Wash. — Tacoma is continuing to see high numbers of stolen vehicles being reported. While many vehicles are recovered, the thefts cause stress to the victim, as well as the loss of time and money dealing with the crime. The Tacoma Police Department would like to remind you of simple steps that can be taken to help prevent you from becoming the victim of auto theft.

Tips to Help Prevent Your Car from Being Stolen

- Park in a locked garage or a well-lit area that has pedestrian traffic
- Close the car windows, lock the doors, and take all keys with you
- Never leave your car running unattended
- Use a theft deterrent device such as a steering wheel lock
- Have an alarm system installed
- Have a vehicle tracking device installed
- Have an immobilizer (kill-switch) installed

If your vehicle is stolen, have the registered owner report the crime to the police. Have your license plate and / or vin number available if possible. If you find your vehicle after reporting it stolen, contact the police before you drive it home.

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