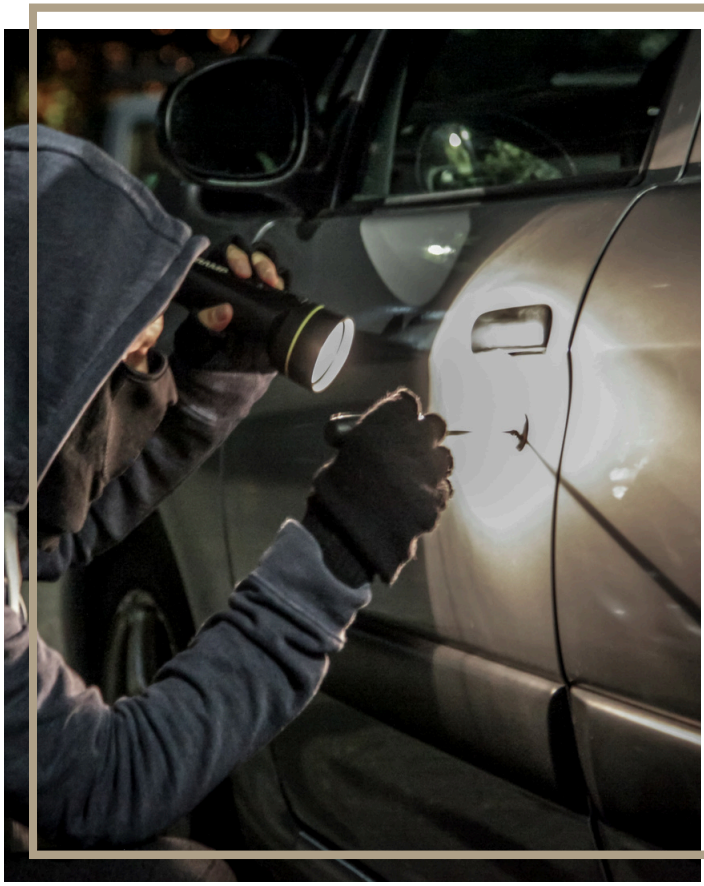
Auto Thefts on the Rise:

What Can You Do?

Auto theft and vehicle break-ins are increasing nationwide. Use these **auto theft prevention tips** to reduce your risk and help protect your vehicle from being targeted.



Park smart.
Park in well-lit, well-trafficked areas to deter theft and car break-ins. At home, parking inside a garage or secured, gated area adds an extra layer of vehicle theft protection.

Don't leave valuables in your car.
Luggage, purses, electronics, and even loose change can attract thieves. Whenever possible, take valuables with you. If that's not an option, store items in the trunk and out of sight.

Never leave keys in your vehicle or your car running unattended.
Even briefly leaving keys inside a running car is one of the most common causes of auto theft. Whether at home or away, always shut off your vehicle and take your keys with you.

Lock all doors and windows.
Unlocked doors or cracked windows increase your vehicle's vulnerability. Make it a habit to double-check that all windows are fully closed and doors are locked before walking away.

Do not leave spare keys in or near your vehicle.
Keep keys on your person. Leave spare keys with someone you trust or store them securely at home to reduce auto theft risk.

Install anti-theft devices for your car.
Car alarms, steering wheel locks, pedal locks, and vehicle immobilizers are proven car security tools that help deter theft. A GPS tracking device can also assist with recovery if your vehicle is stolen.

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