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### **Protect Your Vehicle from Auto Thieves Anti-Theft Tips...**

Professional thieves can steal any car, but make them work for yours. To prevent thefts, the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) recommends “Layered Protection.” The more layers of protection on your vehicle the more difficult it is to steal. Your budget and personal preferences should determine which anti-theft device is best for you.

#### **Layer #1 – consistent deterrent**

An unlocked vehicle with a key in the ignition is an open invitation to any thief, regardless of which antitheft device you use. The consistent deterrent approach to protection is the simplest and most cost effective way to thwart would-be thieves.

- ❖ Lock your car – half of all vehicles stolen are left unlocked
- ❖ Take your keys – nearly 30% of all vehicles stolen have the keys in them
- ❖ Park in well lit areas – car thefts occur at night more than half the time
- ❖ Do not leave your vehicle running and unattended
- ❖ Do not leave valuables in plain view
- ❖ Do not hide a spare set of keys in the car – the pros know where to look
- ❖ If you have a garage, use it – when you do, lock both the vehicle and the garage door

#### **Layer #2 – Warning Device**

- ❖ Audible alarms
- ❖ Steering wheel locks
- ❖ Tire locks
- ❖ Identification markers in or on vehicle
- ❖ Protective Window Laminare

#### **Layer #3 -Immobilizing Device**

This third layer of protection is a device which prevents thieves from bypassing your ignition and hotwiring the vehicle. Some electronic devices have computer chips in ignition keys. Other devices inhibit the flow of electricity of fuel to the engine until a hidden switch or button is activated.

- ❖ Smart keys
- ❖ High security locks & keys
- ❖ Fuse cut-offs

- ❖ Kill switches
- ❖ Starter, ignition and fuel disablers

Top 10 Most Commonly Stolen Vehicles for 2010 in Arizona:

1. 2004 Dodge Ram Pickup
2. 1994 Honda Accord
3. 1995 Honda Civic
4. 1997 Ford F150 Pickup
5. 2003 Ford F250 Pickup
6. 1994 Nissan Sentara
7. 1996 Jeep Cherokee
8. 1990 Toyota Camry
9. 2006 Ford F350 Pickup
10. 2000 Chevrolet 4x2 Pickup

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