

**CRIME PREVENTION TIPS**



*Public Safety involves partnerships between the public and the police. Always report suspicious persons or activities to the Burnaby RCMP.*



**Theft from Vehicle and Theft of Vehicle Alert**

Over the month of March, Burnaby RCMP observed an increase in Auto Thefts and Thefts from Vehicle. Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) and the Integrated Municipal Provincial Auto Crime Team (IMPACT) initialized an educational Auto Crime Enforcement campaign in April. The Crime Prevention Unit mirrors their campaign; "Keys should be treated like cash". Click here for more information: [ICBC](#)

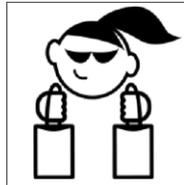
**Auto Crime Prevention Tips**



**Is Your Vehicle Running?**  
DO NOT Leave vehicles running or keys inside while unattended. A quick minute could invite thieves to drive off with your car.

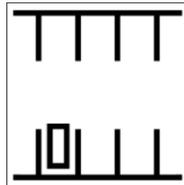
According to ICBC:  
Approximately 1 in 5 vehicles are stolen using the owner's own keys.

**Is Your Vehicle a Thieves' Shopping Mall?**  
Remove & hide items in vehicles; even trivial items (change, bags, pop cans) as they are great incentives to break in.

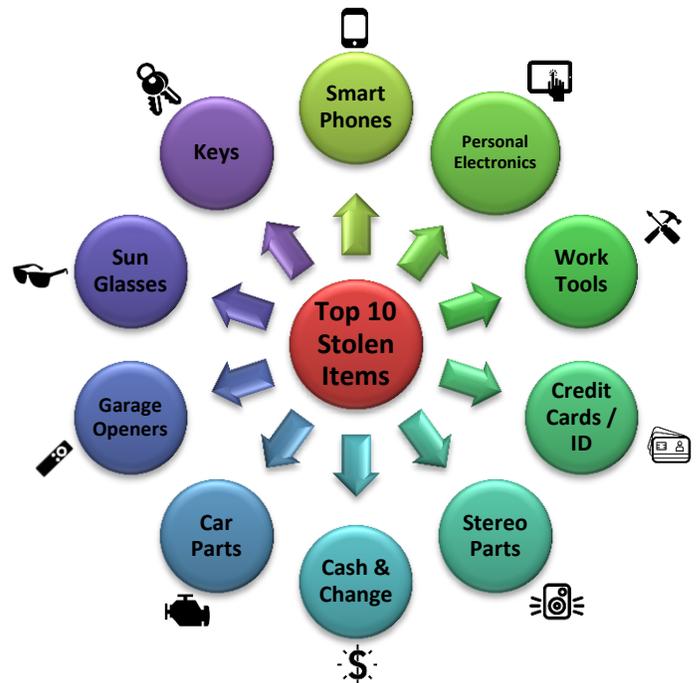


**Is Your Vehicle Extra Secure ?**  
Anti-Theft Devices signify security thereby deterring potential crime; especially older vehicles (early 1990 Honda Civics; early 2000 F- Series).

**Is Your Vehicle All Alone?**  
Park vehicles in busy well lit areas with moderate to high pedestrian traffic. Auto thieves prefer isolation. It makes it easy to take items - i.e. a licence plate.



**Is Your Vehicle Open?**  
Lock all vehicle doors, completely close windows, and pocket the key. Amazingly many vehicles are broken into this way; thieves want easy opportunities.



If you are an unfortunate victim of a vehicle theft or theft from vehicle ensure to report the incident to the police immediately; even if nothing was stolen or damaged. Burnaby's non-emergency number is **604-294-7922** and the emergency number is **911**.

