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RETHINK AUTO CRIME: COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

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The Integrated Municipal Provincial Auto Crime Team (IMPACT) is a specialized, multi-agency police unit dedicated to reducing auto crime across British Columbia. Key initiatives include the Bait Car Program, Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR), a Stolen Vehicle Enforcement Team, and public awareness campaigns.

Key facts:

- Based on 2025 data, the most frequently stolen vehicle in British Columbia is the Ford F-350 Series (model years 2003–2006).
- Auto crime in BC is usually opportunity-based.
- Older vehicles are typically stolen through forced entry.
- Newer vehicles often show little to no visible damage, as keyless entry systems can be compromised.

IMPACT encourages the public to take the following steps to reduce the risk of auto crime:

- Never leave your vehicle running unattended, even briefly.
- Always lock your vehicle and take your keys with you.
- Park in well-lit, highly visible areas whenever possible.
- Use anti-theft devices such as steering wheel locks or On-Board Diagnostic (OBD) port covers.

For further information about IMPACT and the Bait Car Program, visit: baitcar.com

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