



7 Tips to Reduce the Chances of Becoming an Auto Theft Victim

With auto theft on the rise in the state of Oklahoma, the Noble Police Department would like to give its citizens a few helpful tips in preventing and deterring any would-be car thieves from targeting you as a victim.

1. Remove any and all items that may contain personal information such as: pay check stubs, bank statements, checks, bills, etc. Leaving these items in your vehicle increases not only the chance of criminals striking your vehicle, but also heightens your chance of **IDENTITY THEFT**.
2. **DO NOT KEEP SPARE KEYS IN YOUR VEHICLE!!!** This includes an extra car key, house key, office key, or any other keys to personal property.
3. Remove your checkbook, debit and/or credit cards and any loose money from your vehicle.
4. Keep a record of all of your vehicle information!!! To include: make, model, year, color, license plate number and vehicle identification number (VIN).
5. Always keep a copy of the insurance, license and registration on your vehicle in your home or in a safe. This way, you have copies available to you if your vehicle is stolen.
6. Keep copies of receipts for any add-ons to your vehicle; rims, stereo, tires, etc.
7. Take photos of the exterior and interior of your vehicle. This will assist your insurance company for any claims on stolen or damaged property.

