

# MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT CRIME PREVENTION BULLETIN



Auto theft happens fast!

An experienced car thief can break in and steal a car in less than one minute!

## WHAT IS MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT?

Theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

Motor vehicle theft is a crime of opportunity.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Be observant- If you see something, say something!

Report all crimes and suspicious activity immediately to the Seattle Police Department by calling 911!

Organize and/or get involved with Block Watch!

## Auto Theft Prevention Techniques:

- Never leave your car running or the keys in the ignition when you're away, even for 'just a minute', please remember this is illegal in Seattle and in Washington (SMC 11.70.160, RCW 46.61.600)
- Remove remote garage door openers from vehicle
- Always lock doors and roll up windows, even if the car is parked in front of your home
- Never leave valuables in plain view, even if your car is locked
- If possible, park vehicle in a busy, locked, monitored and/or well-lit area
- Utilize anti-theft devices
- If possible, activate alarm

**To report auto thefts that are not in-progress: call the Seattle Police Non-Emergency Number: (206) 625-5011**