

Check your car

RULE #1

Get a professionally fitted car alarm or an approved mobiliser. You can also use a steering lock on older cars.

RULE #2

Have your car's registration number etched onto all glass surfaces including windscreen and headlamps.

RULE #3

When you're driving keep doors locked and windows up, especially in slow traffic. Keep bags and mobile phones out of view. A thief can lean in and steal what's on your passenger seat in the time it takes for a red light to turn green.

RULE #4

If you're leaving your car, put your shopping or anything else in the trunk if you can't take it with you.

Technology to protect your car

Ultrasonic Interior Monitoring System

Detects movement inside the car after car is locked.

GSM Car Alarm

Using a SIM card the vehicle's owner is notified on a designated phone by the car itself, when broken into.

The owner is then given the ability to communicate through the speaker to the thief, listen in on what is happening in the car or shut down the vehicle.

GPS Tracking System

Enables the owner to know precise location of vehicle at all times.

Using a cellular phone and a tracker hidden in the vehicle, the owner and a security firm can visualize the car's location on a map

Radio-Frequency Transmitter System

A small Radio-Frequency transceiver that is hidden in the vehicle.

When the vehicle theft is reported to the security firm, the unit is automatically activated.

It causes silent radio signals to be emitted from the transceiver.

The security firm will be able to follow the signal and track to recover the vehicle.



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO POLICE SERVICE

Stolen Vehicles Squad

Old Police Headquarters Building, Corner Sackville & St Vincent Streets Port of Spain, Trinidad.

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VEHICLE SECURITY TIPS





KEEP IT SAFE, KEEP IT HIDDEN, KEEP IT LO(KED!



RULE #1

Always keep your car locked. This includes closing the sunroof and windows, even if you leave it for a few seconds. That's all it takes for a criminal to steal your car or belongings.

RULE #2

Don't leave anything in your car particularly when it's parked overnight. 63% of thefts of and from vehicles happen when they are parked outside the home and in malls.

RULE #3

Park with care. Park in busy well-lit areas, near CCTV cameras if possible.

FACT: You're more than twice as LIKELY to have your vehicle broken into than stolen. On average that means paying money just for repairs.

Secure your car

RULE #1

Never leave your keys in the ignition not even in a gas station when paying for fuel.

RULE #2

Don't leave anything on display (even when you've parked in a driveway). That includes a jacket on the back-seat loose change in the ashtray, a cheque book in the glove compartment or mail with your address on it under the seat. Remember: thieves know all the usual hiding places.



Fit a stereo with a removable panel (also known as a facial) and take it with you when you leave the car.

RULE #4

Never leave car documents or spare keys inside the car. Hide them at home but not near doors. Thieves will use a hook and push it through your windows to steal car keys from hall tables inside.