

**TAKE  
YOUR  
KEYS**

**ALWAYS**

# Help prevent auto theft.



## *Talking Points*

The talking points below are for your use when talking to the media or other organizations. These also reflect facts from the Department of Commerce, so aligning with our messaging will assist with the overall effort to curb auto theft in Minnesota.

More than 16,000 cars were stolen in Minnesota just in 2022, representing more than \$200 million in losses to victims. According to law enforcement, the **majority of these were vehicles with the keys left in the ignition by the owners.**

It does not matter if you park your **car at night, in the daytime, in a lot or in your driveway, it can still be stolen** in less than 30 seconds.

But the **theft is just the beginning.** After a car is stolen, they are often used by the perpetrators to commit more crimes. These include robberies, gang shootings, or more recently, reckless joyriding that could end in a crash.

When insurers raise their premiums because of auto theft, we all pay the price, regardless of whether our own car was stolen or not.

## *Some things drivers can do to prevent theft:*

*Take your keys  
with you when  
you park your car*

*Make sure the  
doors and windows  
are locked*

*Never leave  
the car running  
unattended*