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PRESENTS SAFETY TIPS FROM  
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**TIPS TO PREVENT  
THEFTS FROM AUTO**

- Be sure to lock doors.
- Never leave valuables in your vehicle. If it is necessary, place them out of sight before arriving at your destination.
- Park in a well lit area, as close as possible to your destination.
- Never leave anything with your personal identification information in your car or attached to your keys.
- When using a public parking garage or valet service, only leave the attendant with the ignition key to your vehicle.

**TIPS TO PREVENT  
THE THEFT OF YOUR VEHICLE**

- When leaving your car, be sure to lock your doors and take your keys.
- Never leave your car running while unattended.
- Never leave your registration, insurance or personal identification information in the car and always leave a copy in a safe place at home.
- Install a car alarm and/or a secondary switch ("kill switch").
- Don't let potential buyers test-drive your car alone.
- Use a steering wheel locking device.

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**TIPS TO AVOID BEING CARJACKED  
BEFORE ENTERING YOUR CAR**

- Be alert to any activity near your car, or in surrounding areas.
- Always have your keys in your hands when approaching your car, to provide protection and ensure fast vehicle entry.
- If there is someone loitering by your unoccupied car as you approach it, keep walking until they leave.
- Before entering your vehicle, check the handles, locks, and backseat.
- If possible, carry a cell phone or keep one in your car.

**ONCE IN YOUR CAR**

- Keep your doors and windows locked.
- When stopping in traffic, leave distance between your car and the one in front of you, enough so you can pull away quickly if necessary.
- Be alert when using drive-up services, especially automated teller machines (ATMs).
- Upon reaching a destination, always park as close as you can to that location, or in a well lit area.
- Never leave your keys or valuables in your car when going into a store, restaurant, or other destination.

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