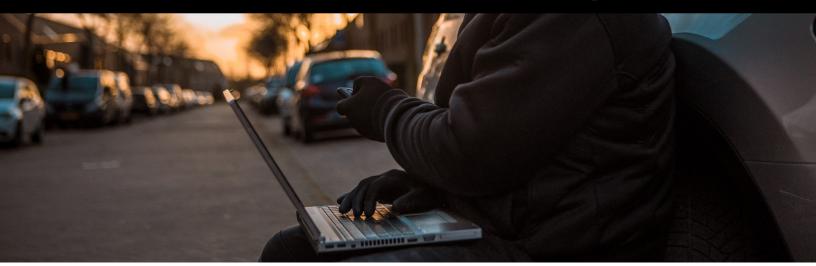
HALTON REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE



Vehicle Theft Prevention Tips



Relay and reprogramming thefts of high-end vehicles with keyless entry and push start technology are becoming increasingly common. The majority of the vehicles are being stolen from residential driveways, usually in the overnight hours.

Vehicle Theft Prevention Tips

Secure your vehicle with the following theft prevention tips:

- Park your vehicle within a locked/secure garage
- Lock the onboard diagnostic port using a simple device (that can be purchased online) that blocks access to where thieves reprogram the vehicle's key fob
- Use a steering wheel locking device to deter theft
- Lock your unattended vehicle at all times
- Never leave spare keys in your vehicle
- Never leave spare keys outside of your residence

- When not in use, place vehicle key fob inside a radio frequency shielding bag/pouch to block cell signals
- Equip your vehicle with an alarm
- Consider purchasing a quality video surveillance system and ensure your cameras are properly placed and functioning for 24-hour use
- Invest in an aftermarket global positioning system (GPS) tracker as it may assist in recovery of the vehicle if it is stolen

Crime Prevention - What can I do?

HELP US HELP YOU. We need you to be our eyes and ears. Please continue to report suspicious activity in a timely manner.

Call 911 if you witness a crime in progress or a dangerous situation.

Call 905-825-4777 if you see suspicious vehicles or persons (unfamiliar, unusual, loitering in your neighbourhood).

"See Something? Hear Something? Know Something? Contact Crime Stoppers" at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or through the web at <u>www.haltoncrimestoppers.ca</u>.

