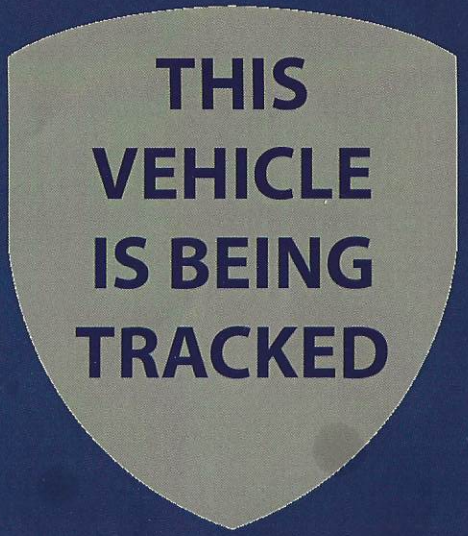
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VEHICLE SAFETY TIPS

- ✓ Be aware of your surroundings.
- ✓ Immediately lock your doors on entry and keep them locked.
- ✓ Don't get boxed in at stopped traffic. You should always be able to see the rear tires of the vehicle in front of you.
- ✓ Park in well-lit areas.
- ✓ Keep your phone in your pocket.
- ✓ Keep your car keys in your pocket.
- ✓ Carry your house keys and car key or fob separately.
- ✓ Never exit your vehicle and leave it running.
- ✓ Keep your vehicle's information (make, model, plate number, VIN) in your wallet AND in your phone. Make sure your emergency contact has that same information.
- ✓ Contact your manufacturer about your vehicle's capability to be tracked.

STOLEN VEHICLE RECOVERY PROGRAM



Dear Cook County Motorist,

One of our community's most concerning public safety challenges is the steep rise in carjacking incidents. Enclosed are safety tips and vital information about vehicular hijacking. Our office has developed programs targeting this crime including one designed specifically for you: **Cook County Sheriff's Stolen Vehicle Recovery Program.**

Most vehicles built in the last decade have factory-installed devices allowing the manufacturer to locate the automobile in case of emergency.

In the event your trackable vehicle is illegally taken, the manufacturer can assist in the recovery process.

However, that process cannot begin until the manufacturer receives confirmation of a criminal complaint from the responding law enforcement agency **and the registered owner gives permission to locate the vehicle.**

Quick recovery of a carjacked vehicle can be crucial in prosecuting those responsible.

Time is of the essence. To streamline the process, The Cook County Sheriff's Office has created an online consent form.

This form grants your permission to track your vehicle **ONLY IF IT IS ILLEGALLY TAKEN.**

Law enforcement or private entities may not track your vehicle without your permission and a criminal complaint.

Vehicular Hijacking is a violent and traumatizing crime, please use the enclosed information to learn ways to protect yourself and your family.

Thomas J. Dart, Sheriff

Please use this QR code or web address below to access the consent form.

cookcountysheriff.org/cartrackconsent

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE A VICTIM

- Avoid a verbal or physical confrontation. The property is not worth risking your safety or life.
- Give up your vehicle and leave the scene. Try to find a well-lit and populated area.
- Try to remember the carjacker's general description(s) and their clothing, especially the type and color of their shoes.
- If there is a child in the car, tell the offender(s) **"There is a child in the car!"**
- Be prepared to share details of the incident and full description of your car with responding law enforcement and automobile manufacturer personnel.
- **Call 911 as soon as safe to do so.**