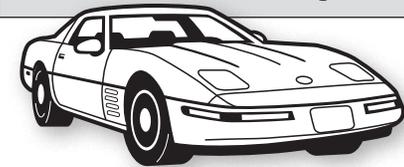


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Important Numbers	
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Student Escort (Mom's Limo) .....	229-2124
Parking Services .....	229-2128
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Vehicle theft is a serious crime that is on the increase. Over one million vehicles are stolen every year in the U.S., many from large parking areas such as those found around the University of Dayton campus. Thieves steal from parking lots because the owners usually do not return to their cars for some period of time.

Thefts from vehicles are also on the increase. Added to the value of the cars stolen, the theft of car accessories and valuables left inside of vehicles amount to a nationwide loss of over \$1 billion a year. Most vehicle thefts and thefts from vehicles can be prevented. But, it's up to you to take precautions.

### Prevention Tips

- Park in a well lit and busy area, particularly at night or if you expect to be returning to your car at night. This will allow your vehicle to be more visible to passersby.
- After parking your vehicle, turn the steering wheel to make sure it locks into place. On the street, turn the wheels toward the curb to make it more difficult to move or tow.
- Lock your car and pocket the keys whenever you park your vehicle. Many stolen automobiles were left unlocked, some with the key in the ignition. Make sure all doors are locked.
- Close all the windows and make sure the trunk or hatch is locked. Replace door locks with smooth tapered ones which are more difficult to open with a wire or coat hanger.
- Take everything of value with you or lock items in your trunk. Don't leave packages,

portable radios, loose change, or other valuables in plain view to tempt a thief.

- Never hide vehicle keys under the bumper, hood, or floor mat. You won't be able to think of a place to hide the keys that thieves don't already know about.
- Do not put your name, address, or license plate number on your key ring. If your keys are lost or stolen, it will help a thief find your car or house.
- When you return to your car, check to make sure your hub caps, antenna, and license plates are still attached.
- Memorize your license plate number.
- Engrave your valuables. Through the use of Operation ID, you can engrave your personalized number on items such as car stereos, tape decks, CD players, etc. You can also use the engraving tool to mark your car itself to aid in identification. Professional car thieves often remove the manufacturer's Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), but may overlook one that you engraved onto the vehicle. Public Safety provides free use of an electric engraving tool.

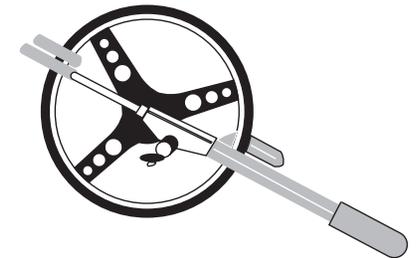
### Anti-Theft Devices

- The "Club," when locked into place onto a steering wheel, prevents it from being turned. The Club can be purchased at a reasonable cost from area stores.
- Alarms activate a siren, the horn, or the lights when a door, hood, or trunk is opened.

- A steel collar fits over the steering column, preventing a thief from prying open the column to start the ignition.
- A locking hood or gas cap.
- Transparent film applied to windows renders the glass many times stronger. The glass will break upon impact, but will stay in place when shattered.

### Public Safety

If you are locked out or your car needs a jump start, call for free assistance. Officers patrol all university parking lots 24 hours a day.



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