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Regardless of the year, make or model, every vehicle is a potential target for theft and/or burglary. Authorities recommend a layered approach to protection. The more layers of protection on your vehicle, the more difficult it is to steal.

LAYER 1

The common sense approach to protection is the simplest and most cost-effective way to thwart would-be thieves. No cost precautions include:

- Always lock your car, close windows, & use emergency brake
- Remove your keys from vehicle and never leave vehicle running unattended.
Never leave valuables in vehicle or in plain sight
- Park in well-lit areas
- Report suspicious activity – Call 911

LAYER 2

The second layer of protection is a visible or audible device which alerts thieves that your vehicle is protected.

Popular second layer device include:

- Steering wheel locks, brake pedal locks, hood locks
- Alarm systems
- License plate locks, tire and wheel locks
- Theft deterrent decals
- Identification markers in or on vehicle
- Window etching with Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)

LAYER 3

The third layer of protection is a device which prevents thieves from bypassing your ignition and hot-wiring the vehicle. Some electronic devices have computer chips in ignition keys. Other devices inhibit the flow of electricity or fuel to the engine until a hidden switch or button is activated. Popular third layer devices include:

- Starter, ignition and fuel kill switches
- Smart keys
- Wireless ignition authentication
- Fuse cut-offs
- Immobilizers and Pass keys

LAYER 4

The final layer of protection is an electronic tracking device which emits a signal to police or monitoring station when the vehicle is stolen. Tracking devices are very effective in helping authorities recover stolen vehicles.

