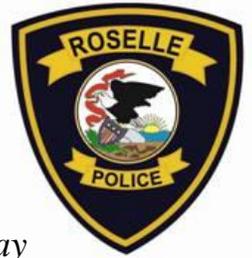


## CRIME PREVENTION FOR YOUR CAR



1. **PARKING:** *Try to park in well-lit areas. Light up your driveway with a sensor light. Better yet, make room in the garage for your car. Park with your front wheels turned; makes it hard for a thief to tow your car away.*
2. **LOCK IT UP:** *Many amateur thieves check cars to see if they are locked. Even in the warm weather, it's worth it to lock your doors. Locking gas caps are about \$10 and no, they don't freeze. Lock the garage door opener in the glove box or bring it inside.*
3. **STEERING WHEEL LOCKS:** *Can they be defeated? Yes, but it takes time and can make noise. Most thieves will move on to an easier target. Pay a few dollars more for a quality piece that is coated with Tungsten Carbide.*
4. **LOCKING LUG NUTS:** *These are a must if you have nice wheels. They too can be defeated but it is surely difficult, and that can take time!*
5. **LEAVE NOTHING FOR THE CROOKS:** *Take all your valuables and either hide them in the trunk or bring them inside your home. Loose change is an invitation for a break-in. Hide the CDs, the cell phone, the power cord, the GPS, and of course, take your purse, checkbook, or wallet with you. Keep your registration elsewhere.*
6. **CAR ALARMS:** *Here too, you get what you pay for. Any alarm from \$99 to \$500 + is better than none at all. Make sure it works correctly. An LED indicator on the dash is a good deterrent. Most thieves will not take a chance.*
7. **BUT I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!** *So what? Take your keys with you when you pick up your dry cleaning, run into the 7-11, or pick up that pizza...it can take 10 to 15 seconds to remove a running car from your sight! (And about 45 minutes to make the insurance claim!)*

**Do you know your license plate number?**