

## What should I do if approached by someone attempting to take my car?

Your personal safety and the safety of those in your vehicle is most important. If confronted or threatened by someone demanding your vehicle, do not resist. If you have passengers in the vehicle, let the carjacker(s) know. If possible, assist with removing the passengers then get away from the vehicle as quickly as possible to a place of safety.

Notice and remember what the carjacker(s) looked like, such as sex, race, age, hair and eye colour, height, clothing, or distinctive features like an accent.

Report the incident immediately to 9-1-1.

## Where do carjackings take place?

Carjackings can happen anywhere. It is easier for carjacker(s) to access your vehicle when it is stopped or parked. Being alert of your surroundings may allow you to react and prevent becoming a victim.

## Carjacking vs Vehicle Theft

Carjacking and vehicle theft are two different things. Carjacking is when a vehicle is taken by force. Vehicle theft occurs when the vehicle is unoccupied.

**In an emergency, dial:  
9-1-1**

**For non-emergency service call:**

**(416) 808-2222**

**See it. Say it. Stop it.**

For more information about the Crime Stoppers program, visit [www.222tips.com](http://www.222tips.com). If you have a tip, call **416-222-8477 (TIPS)** or use the toll free number **1-800-222-TIPS**



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# Auto Theft & Carjacking Prevention

Reduce the risk.

Reduce the opportunity.

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## Keyless car theft

Theft of vehicles with keyless entry and push start technology happens through relay and reprogramming of your vehicle's fob signal. With the use of a device, the fob signal is amplified and transferred, enabling a vehicle to be unlocked, started and stolen. System breaching technology saves the radio signal from your fob and a copy can be generated in a matter of seconds. Keeping your vehicle's technology up-to-date with software updates for new theft threats is encouraged.

The following anti-theft devices are available for your consideration:

- Steering wheel lock
- Wheel lock
- Brake lock
- GPS tracking device
- Faraday bag
- Audible car alarm
- Ignition kill switch
- Immobilizer



## Auto theft crime trends

Did you know? In 2023:

- Auto theft is the second highest crime reported in Toronto at 24 per cent of the Major Crime Indicators (Assault, Break and Enter, Homicide, Robbery, Sexual Violation and Theft Over)
- A total of 12,187 theft of motor vehicle reports were submitted in Toronto
- The month of May had highest total auto thefts offences reported
- The highest number of auto thefts reported happened on Wednesdays.

## Auto Theft Dashboard

To learn more about where and when vehicles are stolen, visit the TPS Auto Theft Dashboard via the QR code.



## Personal safety tips

- Be aware of your surroundings by visually scanning the area when entering and exiting your vehicle
- Before unlocking your vehicle look through the rear windows to ensure no one is hiding inside
- When approach your vehicle, have access to keys/fob and be ready to open the car door
- Make note of anyone sitting in nearby vehicles or loitering in the area
- Make it a habit when you enter your vehicle to lock the doors
- It is best not to park in isolated areas, near walls or shrubs where someone can hide and wait unnoticed
- Park in well-lit and attended locations
- When in your vehicle, give yourself room to maneuver around stopped traffic so you don't get 'boxed' in
- Keep your cellphone with you so you can call for help
- Trust your instincts. If you feel unsafe or suspect that something is not right, drive away from the area.



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