

Crime Prevention Tips to Decrease Motor Vehicle Thefts

The New Bern Police Department offers the following proactive practices to prevent your vehicle from being stolen:

1. Keep track of your keys.
2. Secure your vehicle / windows even when parked at your residence.
3. Park intelligently, for instance well-lit areas.
4. Do not store valuables in your vehicle.
5. Use a physical anti-theft device / or alarm.
6. Do not leave your vehicle unattended while the engine is running.
7. Take advantage of a tech-based auto recovery tool.
8. Do not leave a spare key in your vehicle.

In the event that your vehicle is stolen, remember to report:

- 1.) Year / Make / Model / and Color along with the license plate number.
- 2.) Approximate time the vehicle was stolen.
- 3.) Description of anyone you saw loitering around your car or the area before it was stolen.
- 4.) Names of witnesses.
- 5.) Any identifying features, i.e. stickers, blemishes, added features.