

(NAPSA)—Driving potential thieves away from your car may be both easier—and more necessary—than you realize.

Vehicle thefts are on the increase with over a million cars stolen in the United States each year. That's 100 cars every single hour. To make matters worse, only 65 percent of those stolen are ever recovered. Many are exported or chopped and sold for parts.

What discourages a thief from stealing your car? Time. Time is a thief's number-one enemy. Why? Because the longer it takes to steal a vehicle, the greater the chances of being caught. The most practical way then, to deter theft, may be to equip your vehicle with safeguards that slow a thief down to the point he'll move on to an easier target.

Here are a few hints on how:

• Always lock your car. Completely close all windows, including your sunroof.

• Park your car in a garage if one's available and lock the garage.

• If parking outdoors, park in a well lit area—no thief wants to be watched while he "works."

• Warn off a thief before he breaks in by using a highly visible steering wheel lock. This is good advice no matter where you park



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and even if your vehicle is equipped with electronic systems. Unfortunately, a thief may not realize you have an alarm, immobilizer or kill switch until after he's broken in to the vehicle, causing damage to your door, locks or windows. A visibly bolted-on steering wheel lock, such as The Club, can stop the theft before the damage is done.

This patented vehicle steering wheel lock is the best-selling mechanical anti-theft device for cars and trucks. It provides affordable security and is highly visible. Made of cromoly steel it resists sawing, prying, hammering and freon gas, making it very tough to defeat.

For more tips on how to protect your vehicle, go to www.theclub.com.