



## REDUCE YOUR RISK OF VEHICLE THEFT

Emery Bay Village is not immune to car crime. Although a professional thief can defeat many security measures, most vehicle thefts and break-ins are carried out by amateurs. You can keep your car from becoming a target if you take three steps to secure your vehicle:

1. Always lock your doors and don't leave spare keys in your vehicle. An experienced thief knows all the hiding places. Store spare keys in your wallet.
2. Don't leave valuables or contents in sight in your vehicle. It's a good idea to never store valuables in your vehicle.
3. Use an anti-theft device every time you leave your vehicle unattended. Here are a few types that are available:
  - a. **Steering wheel locks.** They are inexpensive and are recommended by some experts to be the most cost-effective theft deterrent on the market today.
  - b. **Alarm systems** that sound when someone attempts to break in, move, tilt, or start your vehicle.
  - c. **Anti-theft device like The Club**  that attach to your steering wheel or between your clutch/gear shift and emergency break.
  - d. **Anti-theft devices like the Autolock X**  that attach to your brake pedal.
  - e. **Fuel or power cut-off switches.**

**Always use your security measures.**

**An older model vehicle can be an attractive target.**

**Motorcycles and bicycles also need to be secured. Bikes should be chained to stationary objects when unattended.**

You can find a complete list of safety tips online on the Police Department Safety Tips page on the City of San Diego Web site at

<http://www.sandiego.gov/police/prevention/autotheft.shtml#PreventingTheft>