



Chatham Borough Police Department

Traffic Safety Unit



One vehicle is stolen every twenty (20) seconds in the United States. Stolen cars, vans, trucks, and motorcycles cost victims time and money — and increase everyone’s insurance premiums. They’re also often used to commit other crimes. Don’t become a victim of this serious crime.

The Basic Prevention Policy...

Never leave your car running or the keys in the ignition when you’re away from it, even if its “just for a minute.”

Always roll up the windows and lock your car, even if it’s in front of your house.

Never leave valuables in plain view, even if your car is locked. Put them in the trunk or at least out of sight. Buy radios, tape and CD players that can be removed and stored in the trunk.

Park in busy, well-lighted areas.

Carry the registration and insurance card with you. Don’t leave personal identification documents or credit cards in your vehicle.

When you pay to park in a lot or garage, leave just the ignition key with the attendant. Make sure no personal information is attached. Do the same when you take your car for repairs.