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## Measures to prevent theft of Private Cars and Two Wheelers in India

### Overview

Motor vehicles are the primary mode of transportation for most of us, and often, an indispensable part of our lives. But what would happen if your vehicle suddenly disappeared? Nowadays, theft of vehicles is on the rise, especially that of Private Cars and Two Wheelers, which are getting stolen very frequently. Most of the times, vehicles are stolen only because thieves are provided with the opportunity to steal them. Very often, vehicles are left improperly secured and unattended, which leads to the increase in their theft. Acute shortage of parking space and reluctance of car owners in installing anti-theft equipment like mechanical and electrical immobilizers and alarm systems are the other reasons for the rising theft cases.

We at Liberty Videocon General Insurance value your prized possession, be it your car or two wheeler. We understand the importance of having protection of your vehicle from being stolen; and intend to suggest some useful measures to ensure adequate safety from possible vehicle theft. We sincerely hope that the measures suggested in this document will help in preventing theft of your vehicle.



Source: [http://www.auto-theft.info/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/car\\_thief1.jpg](http://www.auto-theft.info/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/car_thief1.jpg)

## Measures to Protect your Vehicle from Theft

### Install an Immobilizer

Installation of anti-theft equipment like immobilizer will reduce the chances of vehicle being stolen. An immobilizer is an electronic security device fitted to an automobile that prevents the engine from running unless the correct key (or other token) is present.



### Park your car in the garage or behind a locked gate

Most of the cars are stolen off the street or from parking areas.

Putting your car into a garage or behind a lock gate creates additional level of difficulty for the thief who intends to quietly steal the vehicle.



### Park your car in driveway

Parking your car in a secure parking facility (garage, petrol pump, etc.) at night safeguards against theft. If such parking facilities are not available, parking in a well-lit area is the next best alternative.



### Install a Car Alarm

An auto alarm may not stop thieves, but it might alert someone. He or she might even go as far as waking the policeman who is supposed to be patrolling the grounds. Installing a car alarm in the vehicle reduces the chance of vehicle theft.



### Never leave your running car unattended

Never leave your car running and unattended when you walk down the street for any work. A running car is an opportunity for the thief to steal the unattended vehicle and drive away.



### Chain your bike to something

When you chain your bike to something, like cemented anchor, concrete reinforced pole, etc., you can prevent it from being picked up and carried



away. Chaining your bike greatly reduces the chances of it getting stolen.

### Change of lock incase duplicate keys are lost

It is a safe practice to change the lock incase duplicate key and the main key are lost, or double duplication is completed for the vehicle in an emergency at street vendor. If duplication is required, it is advisable to trust the company showroom for the same. It costs a little more but can save you from fear of untrusted duplication.



### Never leave valuables in vehicle

It is an unsafe practice to leave the vehicle with valuables placed within sight of passersby. This can call for vehicle theft or damage in hunt of benefit from the valuable.



## Trivia

- The number of vehicle thefts in India keeps increasing every year. Very few of these stolen vehicles are traced, often in un-roadworthy conditions, with many components missing.
- Majority of the vehicles stolen are Private Cars followed by Two Wheelers. In the recent months, an increase in the number of two wheeler thefts indicates that two wheelers have become the favourite choice of auto lifters.
- As per recent data, the northern region of India has the highest number of vehicle thefts.
- According to records of Delhi Police, 21,417 motor vehicle theft cases were registered till September 12 this year, as compared to 15,530 cases for the corresponding period in 2014, showing an almost 38 per cent increase in motor vehicle theft cases.
- As per latest data released by National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB), auto thieves had largely targeted private vehicles. Approximately, 28,664 private vehicles were stolen in 75 districts of UP last year. The police managed to recover just 3,803 vehicles.
- Data shows that police had recovered 12% stolen bikes while the percentage of recovery of cars was 13%.

### Figures showing the states having highest number of vehicle thefts

State	Auto Theft 2014-15 (App. Figures)
Uttar Pradesh	28,000
Delhi	23,715
Maharashtra	20,252
Rajasthan	16,958
Madhya Pradesh	15,222



Source: <http://s3.caradvice.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/car-theft.jpg>

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