# VIRGINIA STATE POLICE HELP ELIMINATE AUTO THEFT

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# A LAYERED APPROACH TO PREVENTION TECHNOLOGY: INSTALL AN IMMOBILIZER OR TRACKING SYSTEM LAYER 2 VISIBLE OR AUDIBLE DETERRENTS: HAVE YOUR VEHICLE VIN ETCHED OR INSTALL AN ALARM. COMMON SENSE: TAKE YOUR KEYS OR TAKE YOUR CHANCES TAKE YOUR KEYS OR TAKE YOUR CHANCES

### VIN ETCHING

Vehicles with etched glass and motorcycles with etched decals are less likely to be stolen. These no-cost services are available throughout the year at locations statewide.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Thieves steal more than **7,000** motor vehicles a year in Virginia. Stolen vehicles and parts total more than **\$55 million annually.** 

- Being mindful of your surroundings can help protect you from a carjacking. Never resist someone who tries to take your vehicle by force.
- Teenagers steal more than 800 vehicles each year in Virginia and account for almost 30 percent of auto theft-related arrests.
- Unattended motorcycles and mopeds can disappear in a matter of seconds if not properly secured.

# HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT A STOLEN VEHICLE OR CHOP SHOP?

You may be eligible for a **\$25,000 reward.**Submit an anonymous tip on our website or call (800) 947-HEAT.



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The HEAT program was established in 1992 to educate citizens and law enforcement about theft of vehicles and vehicle parts. HEAT supports local and state law enforcement through various auto theft prevention efforts.