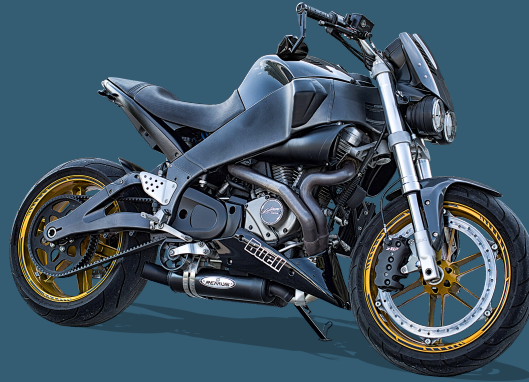


## Catalytic Converter Theft Protection

- Catalytic converters contain valuable metals (platinum, rhodium and palladium)
- Follow the same tips for protecting your vehicle from theft.
- Etch your vehicle identification number (VIN) on the converter.
- Install a shield or other anti-theft device.



## Motorcycle Theft Protection



- Place unique markings on your cycle and photograph them.
- Use theft prevention devices such as wheel locks, alarms or fork locks
- Follow other tips to protect your vehicle.

**[www.nicb.org](http://www.nicb.org)**

Check out the National Insurance Crime Bureau for more information about theft prevention, frauds and scams related to vehicles, trailers and motorcycles.

# Prevent Vehicle Theft



Tips on what you can do to reduce the chances of your vehicle being stolen and ways to protect yourself when purchasing a vehicle through a private seller.

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## Tips to Protect Your Vehicle

- Remove or Hide All Valuables
- Lock Your Vehicle
- Do Not Leave Keys or Fobs in Your Vehicle
- Do Not Leave Your Vehicle Running Unattended
- Use Anti-Theft Devices
- Park in Well Lit Areas



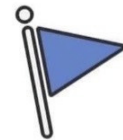
## Tips to Protect Yourself

When buying a vehicle from a private seller:

- If the price sounds too good to be true- it might be stolen.
- If the seller claims "lost" or "no title" it might be stolen
- Verify that the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is present and intact
- Check the VIN through NICB's Free VIN Check at <https://www.nicb.org/vincheck>
- Check to see if the seller's name matches the paperwork
- Ask to see and photograph the seller's identification
- If the seller balks at any of these precautions, leave and call the tip line immediately with all the information you have.

## Anti-Theft Devices

- Audible & Visual Alarms
- Fuel Disabler
- Battery Disabler
- Pedal Locking Device
- Steering Wheel Locking Device
- Trailer Lock
- Location Tracking Device



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