



WATCH YOUR CAR

When it's 3:00 a.m. Do You Know Where Your Car Is?



Protect Your Car With
The State of Maryland's **FREE "WATCH YOUR CAR" PROGRAM**

Administered by the Maryland State Police, Vehicle Theft Prevention Council

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 1-800-96 THEFT

COMPLETE THE FORM ON THE BACK OF THIS BROCHURE OR SAVE TIME BY REGISTERING ON THE INTERNET

Visit our Web Site

WWW.MDAUTOTHEFT.ORG

FACT: Every 20 seconds a vehicle is stolen in the United States. FACT: The majority of these vehicles are stolen during nighttime hours—when you are asleep.

- ✓ Your vehicle is one of the largest investments you make.
- ✓ New vehicles are not the only targets for car thieves. Older model vehicles are also very desirable.
- ✓ Thieves look for vehicles that can be resold quickly or stripped for parts.
- ✓ A vehicle's parts are worth two to three times the value of the vehicle.
- ✓ No vehicle or anti-theft device is 100% theft-proof and discouraging thieves is not an easy task.
- ✓ The more difficult your car is to steal, the more time a thief has to spend stealing your car, and the greater the chance of detection.

By making your car a tougher target, the thief will probably move on to a vehicle that is easier to steal.

MAKE YOUR CAR TOUGH TO STEAL

Maryland's **WATCH YOUR CAR** program is a **FREE** and voluntary national vehicle registration and theft prevention program that uses reflective decals placed on a vehicle's front and back windows to alert the police that the vehicle is not normally operated between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. If a police officer observes the vehicle being operated during these hours, he/she may stop the vehicle and determine if it has been stolen.

REMEMBER—a majority of vehicles are stolen during nighttime hours when you are asleep.

WHEN IT'S 3 a.m. DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CAR IS?

Take these four steps before it's too late:

1. Complete the form on the reverse side;
2. Seal the form with tape;
3. Affix first class postage; and
4. Mail it to the Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council

HOW TO REGISTER

Follow these easy steps:

1. Complete the registration/walver form on reverse side.
2. Verify that the vehicle identification and tag number is correct – take information directly from your vehicle registration card.
3. Fold, seal with tape, affix stamp and mail the completed form to the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council (Note: The registration form has been pre-addressed for your convenience)
4. Upon receipt of your registration form, the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council will send you Watch Your Car decals along with instructions on placing them on your vehicle.
5. The decals serve to notify police officers across the nation that the vehicle is registered with the "WATCH YOUR CAR" program. Information from the registration form will be entered into a centralized database accessible by law enforcement officers on a 24-hour basis.

Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council
1125 National Highway
La Vale, Maryland 21502-7531

Place
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(Fold and seal with tape along this edge)



WATCH YOUR CAR

MARYLAND "WATCH YOUR CAR" PROGRAM MAIL-IN REGISTRATION/WAIVER FORM



1-800-96THEFT

Registered Owner's Last Name			First Name			Middle Name																	
Street Address																							
City		County		State		Zip Code		1. Area Code & Telephone #		2. Area Code & Telephone #													
Vehicle Tag Number			Make		Year		Model		Style		Color												
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Vehicle Identification Number (17 Digits)																							
Authorized Driver #1				Additional Authorized Driver #2				Additional Authorized Driver #3															

I/we hereby consent and agree to the below procedures, and I have fully read and understand all the information in this waiver and agree to abide by the procedures contained therein:

Vehicles in the Watch Your Car Program that are registered in two names must be signed by both owners.

Printed Name Owner #1			Signature Owner #1			Date		
Printed Name Owner #2			Signature Owner #2			Date		
All Above Information Required to be Printed Except Signatures (Kindly Use Ink)								

**BY REGISTERING THE ABOVE VEHICLE IN THE MARYLAND
"WATCH YOUR CAR" PROGRAM
I/WE VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:**

The above vehicle is not normally operated between the hours of 1:00 AM and 5:00 AM.

If the Police should observe a person operating the vehicle during the above hours (1:00 AM - 5:00 AM) they will reasonably suspect that the person operating the vehicle is doing so without my/our permission. Under these conditions, I/We grant consent to the Police to make an investigation stop of the vehicle and to determine if an authorized driver is operating the vehicle.

I/We also realize that persons operating the vehicle during the stated hours with my/our permission are subject to being stopped by the police for investigation. It is my/our responsibility to advise these individuals prior to giving them the vehicle that police may stop the vehicle. In these instances, police action may include the necessary precautions taken to protect officers when approaching a potentially stolen vehicle with occupants.

I/We understand that I/we must remove both decals if I/we withdraw from the program. I/we will also notify the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, in writing, of such withdrawal or of any changes in my/our address or telephone number while still in the program.

I/We further consent and agree to indemnify and hold harmless any local, county, state or federal duly sworn law enforcement officer or agency against any and all claims arising from my participation in this program.

Please complete the above information and mail this form to: The MARYLAND VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION COUNCIL, 1125 National Highway, LaVale, MD. 21502. Upon receipt of your registration form, Watch Your Car decals along with instructions for their placement on your vehicle will be mailed to you. Questions or inquiries regarding this program may be directed to the Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council by mail or telephone on 1-800-96-THEFT or 410-486-0677 (TTY/TT). APPROPRIATE AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES FOR QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST.