# Vehicle Theft Prevention Talking Points

Join the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the National Insurance Crime Bureau to help protect vehicle owners and their vehicles by providing information about vehicle security. A reminder: July is National Vehicle Theft Prevention Month — a good opportunity to increase vehicle theft prevention messaging.

**Vehicle Theft Facts and Figures**

* More than 1,000,000 vehicles were stolen in 2022. This is a 25% increase in vehicle theft totals over the past few years.
* Passenger cars generally make up approximately 74% of all stolen vehicles.
* One vehicle is stolen every 32 seconds in the United States.
* In 2022, thieves stole more than $8 billion in motor vehicle value.

**How to Prevent Vehicle Theft**

* Park in well-lit areas.
* Close and lock all windows and doors when you park.
* Keep valuables out of sight, such as in the glove box or trunk.
* Do not leave your keys in your vehicle.
* Do not leave the area while your vehicle is running.
* Some vehicles come equipped with an alarm and anti-theft system, but what if yours does not? Consider purchasing extra layers of protection for your vehicle if your manufacturer does not provide it. You can easily purchase an anti-theft system online or in a store.

Top 10 states by theft rate in 2021 (as provided by the National Insurance Crime Bureau):

1. Colorado
2. District of Columbia
3. California
4. New Mexico
5. Oregon
6. Washington
7. Missouri
8. Nevada
9. Oklahoma
10. Texas

For more information on motor vehicle theft prevention, visit [NHTSA.gov/theft](https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/vehicle-theft-prevention). For additional resources, visit [www.nicb.org/](https://www.nicb.org/).