



Vehicle Theft Prevention Tips from the West Palm Beach Police Department

Motor vehicle theft is up nationwide. Florida ranks among the top states where theft occurs. Desire, ability, and opportunity are three key factors that influence crime. By minimizing the opportunity for crime, you can reduce motor vehicle theft by following simple prevention tactics. Be prepared with these tips:

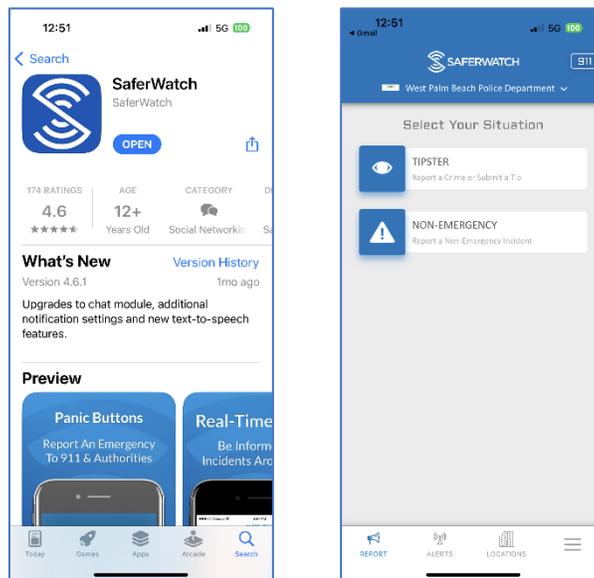
- Take your vehicle's key; do not leave it in or on your vehicle.
- Close and lock all windows and doors when you park.
- Park in well-lit areas if possible.
- If you park in your driveway, an outdoor security camera works well to deter car theft.
- Never leave valuables in your vehicle, especially if they can be seen from outside the vehicle.
- Installing a tracking device can aid in the swift recovery of your vehicle if stolen.
- CALL THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY if your vehicle is stolen. *If the theft is in progress - call 911.*
- You will need to provide the following information to the police:
 - Year, make, model and color of your vehicle.
 - License plate number.
 - Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).
 - You will also want to contact your insurance company if your vehicle has been stolen.

For information about the West Palm Beach Police Department, please visit: www.wpb.org/police. To call the West Palm Beach Police Department's non-emergency number, dial (561) 822-1900 (TTY: 800-955-8771).



New Smart Phone Apps

The **SaferWatch App** is a public safety and information tool that will help us connect directly to the citizens who live, work, and visit West Palm Beach. **SaferWatch** empowers users to easily report incidents as they see it happening or submit a tip at a later time.



The City of West Palm Beach created a smart phone app called **WPBKey**. Users can report issues to Code Enforcement, Parking Administration, Public Works, etc. Users can also attach photos with submissions.

