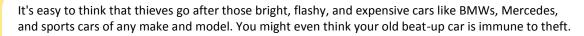


Crime Bulletin

Is your car an easy target?







But in reality, your old car that is worth only a few thousand dollars is much more likely to be stolen than your neighbor's new, expensive model and here is why. Understanding why older cars are stolen more often and show you ways to protect yourself from becoming a victim of vehicle theft.



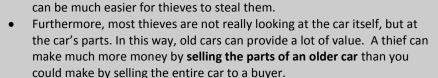
The Appeal of Older Cars



To car thieves, newer cars can be more trouble than they're worth (or practically impossible to steal) because they generally have **more advanced security components.** Also, some cars have "smart key systems" that make it so they simply won't start without the right ignition key.

Since older cars did not come standard with the same level of security, it







 Many thieves are juveniles between the ages of 13 and 17 and steal older cars because they want to "joy ride" (stealing a vehicle for their personal use). Many older vehicles still have steering wheel columns that can be manipulated making the car easily to start.



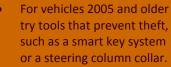
Top 10 Stolen Cars in Wisconsin



- 1995 Honda Civic
- 1999 Dodge Intrepid
- 1994 Plymouth Voyager
- 1994 Chevrolet full-size pickup
- 1997 Ford Taurus
- 1994 Oldsmobile Cutlass/Supreme/Ciera
- 1998 Pontiac Grand Prix
- 1995 Toyota Camry



- Use a car alarm to deter theft.
- Use a tracking system.
- For vehicles older than
 2005 consider a steering
 locking device.



- Park in well-lit areas.
- Always lock your car and take the keys!









If you would like further information on keeping your car protected, please speak to your local crime prevention officer