

# Policing in Pitt Meadows

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## PREVENTING VEHICLE THEFT



**Don't give thieves a chance.** Auto crime is a persistent threat in B.C. You can help protect your vehicle by identifying risks and preventing opportunities for thieves, especially if you own an older vehicle. Follow these best practices:

1. Don't leave any property in your vehicle. Thieves will break in for as little as a few coins or shopping bags.
2. Treat your keys like cash. Never leave keys unguarded when out in public, and never store a spare key in your vehicle.
3. Invest in a good anti-theft device like a passive immobilizer or a steering wheel lock if your vehicle was manufactured before 2007.
4. Secure your licence plate with bolts.
5. Park in your garage or within a gated parkade if you are able to, and wait for gates to close behind you.
6. If you must park on the street, choose an open, well-lit area and avoid parking behind fences and hedges.
7. Report any suspicious activity to police.

### Pitt Meadows Community Policing Office

#### We're still here for you

Just a reminder, although our Pitt Meadows Community Policing office is closed to the public due to COVID-19, you can still make a police report through our online service or by calling 604-463-6251. Our RCMP officers are still on the job, responding to calls, working around the clock to keep residents safe. Visit [rcmp.gc.ca](https://rcmp.gc.ca)

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