• Install a security system
  ◦ Alarms and GPS tracking technology are effective means to deter thieves.
• Implementation of devices that will immobilize your vehicle
  ◦ Range in complexities from mechanical devices such as “The Club” or “Denver Boot”, to more sophisticated devices like a digital pin pad ignition interlock which requires entry of a code to start the vehicle – most of which can be purchased and installed for less than the average insurance claim deductible.

Internet searches for Anti-theft Devices provide endless options in protecting yourself against the inconvenience and financial burden associated to loss of your property.

*Theft of your vehicle is preventable!*

More information can be obtained through the Camrose Police Service website at www.camrosepoliceservice.ca, or by contacting members directly at 780-672-4444.

For further information on the “Top 10” stolen vehicles in Canada, please visit the Insurance Bureau of Canada’s website at www.IBC.ca.
Did you know that according to the Insurance Bureau of Canada (ICB), a vehicle is stolen approximately every seven minutes in our country at an annual cost of over $500 million to Canadians?

While those statistics are alarming and seemingly far greater than we experience in our community, theft of motor vehicles is a persistent problem which can victimize us no matter where we live or commute.

The Camrose Police Service would like to provide a simple reminder of the easy steps and routines that can prevent you from watching your vehicle being driven away by a thief, or waking up in the morning to find the empty spot where your vehicle was parked the night before.

Why are vehicles stolen?

There are a variety of reasons, but all will contribute to further criminal activity of some kind:

- For transportation – joyrides, to get from one city to another
- For use in committing other crimes – Robberies, Break and Enters, etc.
- For dismantling and sale of parts – contributing money to other criminal activity

What can you do to prevent becoming a victim?

- Lock your doors, remove valuables – including those keys in the console
  - Many vehicles are stolen while culprits are stealing change from your console and find your spare set of keys!
- Park in a well-lit area or install extra security lighting
  - LED lighting is very efficient and affordable!
- Avoid leaving your vehicle idle unattended
  - It only takes a minute to run into the house or the store but less than 30 seconds for your car to drive away without you in it!

Are you at risk?

- What type of vehicle do you drive? Is it a vehicle commonly stolen according to ICB statistics?
- Do you lock your vehicle when it is unattended or parked overnight?
- Do you leave a spare set of keys in the glovebox or console “just in case”?
- Do you leave it warming up with keys in the ignition before leaving for work?
- Do you presently have any theft deterrents in place?