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## July Is Vehicle Theft Prevention Month

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is launching its annual Vehicle Theft Prevention Campaign this July, which is Vehicle Theft Prevention Month all across the nation. Vehicle theft is a very expensive crime, with the cost of stolen vehicles in 2013 pegged at more than \$4.1 billion – that's billion with a "B." And July is the month when more cars are stolen than any other month.

In 2013, Texas ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in stolen vehicles. According to the Highway Loss Data Institute, the Top 10 stolen cars in 2013 are:

### Thieves Top 10 favorites (all pickups or SUVs):

1. Ford F-250 crew cab 4x4, 7, \$7060
2. Chevrolet Silverado 1500 crew cab, 6.7, \$5,463
3. Chevrolet Avalanche 1500, 6.1, \$6,163
4. GMC Sierra 1500 crew cab, 6, \$6,366
5. Ford F-350 crew cab 4x4, 5.6, \$7,517
6. Cadillac Escalade 4x4, 5.5, \$6,508
7. Chevrolet Suburban 1500, 5.4, 4,468
8. GMC Sierra 1500 extended cab, 4.7, \$5,908
9. GMC Yukon, 4.5, \$6,276
10. Chevrolet Tahoe, 4.4, \$5,367

### 2013 Texas Top 10 stolen vehicles

1. Ford Pickups
2. Chevrolet Pickups
3. Dodge Pickups
4. Chevrolet Tahoe
5. Honda Civic
6. Honda Accord
7. GMC Pickups
8. Chevrolet Impala
9. Toyota Camry
10. Nissan Altima

Did you know:

- ❖ Passenger cars make up about 74 percent of all stolen vehicles. Trucks and buses make up about 15 percent. (FBI's 2013 Uniform Crime Report)
- ❖ Only about 55 percent of all stolen vehicles are recovered.
- ❖ About 699,594 vehicles were stolen in 2013 (the most recent year for which FBI crime statistics are available). The estimated rate of motor vehicle thefts was 221.3 per 100,000 inhabitants.
- ❖ The 2013 cost of those vehicles is estimated to be more than \$4.1 billion. A vehicle is stolen about every 55 seconds somewhere in the United States.

Be smart. Prevent vehicle theft by:

- ✓ Closing and locking all windows and doors when you park.
- ✓ Parking in well-lit areas.
- ✓ Never leaving the area while your vehicle is running.
- ✓ Never leaving valuables in your vehicle.

For more information on Vehicle Theft Prevention, check out NHTSA's SaferCar.gov/theft Web site and the main NHTSA site at [www.nhtsa.gov/theft](http://www.nhtsa.gov/theft).

Additional resources:

- [www.nhtsa.gov/Vehicle+Safety/Vehicle-Related+Theft/Theft+Prevention](http://www.nhtsa.gov/Vehicle+Safety/Vehicle-Related+Theft/Theft+Prevention)
- [www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Owners/Resources/Theft+Prevention](http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Owners/Resources/Theft+Prevention)
- The FBI's Motor Vehicle Theft Page: [www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2013/crime-in-the-u.s.-2013/property-crime/motor-vehicle-theft-topic-page](http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2013/crime-in-the-u.s.-2013/property-crime/motor-vehicle-theft-topic-page)
- HLDI's Top 10: [www.iihs.org/iihs/news/desktopnews/ford-f-250-has-highest-theft-rate-of-any-2010-12-vehicle-cadillac-escalade-drops-to-6th-on-list-after-years-on-top](http://www.iihs.org/iihs/news/desktopnews/ford-f-250-has-highest-theft-rate-of-any-2010-12-vehicle-cadillac-escalade-drops-to-6th-on-list-after-years-on-top)

And be sure to get a copy of NHTSA's brochure, *Vehicle Theft Prevention: What Consumers Should Know*, at

[www.nhtsa.gov/staticfiles/nvs/pdf/9691b\\_VehicleTheftPrevent\\_Brochure\\_062513\\_v2\\_tag.pdf](http://www.nhtsa.gov/staticfiles/nvs/pdf/9691b_VehicleTheftPrevent_Brochure_062513_v2_tag.pdf) [when the new version is posted, make sure the link doesn't have the "v2 tag" stuff in the URL. That should never have been posted that way, but it was.]

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