



# Abbotsford Police Department

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Incident: Abbotsford Police Remind Drivers to Lock it or Lose it**

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Since early December 2011, the Abbotsford Police Department has received an increased number of theft of vehicle reports which were the direct result of the owner/driver leaving the vehicle unlocked and unattended with the engine running. In many cases, not only was the vehicle stolen but many other valuables from wallets and purses to expensive electronics became part of the thief's haul.

Creating these opportunities is unwise from the standpoint of theft prevention and it creates public safety risks as these theft suspects may become involved in an altercation with the driver or witnesses, or worse, collide with someone while hastily fleeing in the stolen vehicle.

As part of our responsibility to maintain public safety, our officers will be enforcing the Motor Vehicle Act section 191 (2) which requires that "a driver must not permit a motor vehicle to stand unattended or parked unless the driver has locked it or made it secure in a manner that prevents its unauthorized use".

The APD wants to do all it can to reduce the incidents of auto theft. Our "Operation Lock Out" campaign also continues with limited quantities of anti-theft devices available to Abbotsford residents who own pre-2001 Honda Civics/Accords, pre-2004 Dodge pick-up trucks and pre-2005 Ford pick-up trucks. Registered Owners can bring their documents to our Community Policing Office at #5 – 34194 Marshall Road and receive a free anti-theft device.

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To make Abbotsford the safest city in B.C.*