

Don't Get Left Out in the Cold

The River Forest Police Department has been noticing an increase in vehicle thefts in Chicago and the western suburbs. All of the vehicles stolen had one thing in common—they were left running with the keys inside!

It may seem like common sense, but we would like to remind you not to leave your vehicle running and unattended. Some of us may be in the habit of leaving it running while making a quick stop at a gas station or convenience store. Even though it has never been stolen in the past, and you may only be feet away, car thieves are preying on your false sense of security and waiting for the right moment to take your car.

We have also seen running vehicles with push-button ignitions stolen despite the fact that the owner took their key fob with them. Unless you have a remote ignition specifically designed with anti-theft measures to prevent the vehicle from being stolen, you should not leave your car running unattended for any reason. With modern cars it is no longer necessary to “warm up” the engine before driving, nor does it burn more gas to turn off the car and restart it. As nice as it is to return to a warm car, if you leave your car running unattended, you may return to find yourself ***left out in the cold!***