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If you’re serious about preventing car theft, consider a tracking system that helps police recover your car and makes it more likely that the thief will be caught. LoJack is one such aftermarket system, and according to LoJack’s website, this is the only stolen vehicle recovery system directly integrated with law enforcement. Shopping for a new vehicle with better theft protection? Be sure to check out our new car rankings and reviews to learn more about the models that interest you. If you’re ready to buy your next new vehicle, use our Best Price Program to save the most money on your new car purchase. Preventing Car Crimes. This guide is one in a series of crime prevention publications designed to equip current and potential Safe City partners with low-cost tools to assess their crime problems and to develop strategies to address them. Other guides in this series include vandalism, retail burglary, public disorder, panhandling, and shoplifting. 2004. Understanding and Preventing Car Theft. Crime Prevention Studies, Vol. 17. New York: Criminal Justice Press. Be vigilant about securing your car, and take preventive measures to keep your car safe. Here are 10 things you can do to help protect your car from theft. 1. Lock Your Doors. Keeping your doors locked is the first step in deterring a thief. The NHTSA recommends installing an audible alarm system, if your car did not come with one, and using a visible anti-theft device. An audible alarm is designed to emit a loud noise, often the car’s horn, if someone attempts to enter the vehicle while the alarm is on. The unwanted attention attracted by the noise may chase off a potential thief, says the NHTSA.