

THEFT FROM AUTO AWARENESS



Theft from Auto Devices

Keyless car entry technology is becoming the standard with modern vehicles. As technology advances, so does the creative minds of criminals. Car thieves are using electronic devices to hack into a car's computer by stealing car remote frequencies. Once hacked, thieves can unlock vehicle doors and enter the vehicle. If the vehicle is equipped with push-to-start technology, thieves can also start the vehicle.

Key remote hackers are able to obtain your keys frequency once you push buttons to arm or disarm your vehicle, or if your keys are within range, the hacking device may be able to pick up frequencies.

What Can You Do?

*Suggestions only

- Lock and unlock car doors manually in public places to prevent a criminal hacker from intercepting your remote's frequency.
- Keep car keys away from doors and windows.
- Store keys in metal containers, safe's, or wrap keys in aluminum foil to prevent key frequencies from being obtained.
- Blocking pouches, similar to "EZ-Pass" storage pouches, can be purchased to store keys and protect frequencies.
- Consider other alarm options in addition to standard factory installed alarms. Many vehicles come standard with keyless entry or alarms, however they do not offer extra levels of protection that non-standard or "aftermarket" alarms provide. Consult your auto dealer or local car electronic shop for additional information.

To report suspicious activity, call **911**. To make an anonymous tip call **215-686-TIPS** or email: TIPS@PhillyPolice.com

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