



City of Downey

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In recent months the City of Downey has experienced a rise in the theft of "3rd row" seats being stolen from late model sport utility vehicles. Specifically, thieves have been targeting 3rd row seats from Chevy, Cadillac, and GMC full size SUVs. The seats are made to be removed easily, and are a valuable addition to these vehicles. The high value of these seats makes them a desirable item for thieves. To prevent yourself from being a victim of this type of theft, and to keep your property safe, The Downey Police Department is offering the following tips:

- If you do not use your 3rd row seat, take it out and store it at home
- Use a locking device to secure your seat to the vehicle (see attached photo)



- Park in well-lit areas
- If possible, always park your vehicle in a driveway when arriving home, not leaving it on a public street
- Lock ALL doors even if you plan to be gone for a brief time
- Set any alarm or anti-theft device

Since the seats do not come with traceable markings, residents are encouraged to engrave their vehicle's license plate number on the metal frames in an inconspicuous place. By doing this, the chances of police locating and recovering the stolen seat increase.

If you see suspicious activity, immediately call the Downey Police Department at (562) 904-2363. If you have any questions on how to prevent auto-related crimes, please call Detective Ethan Roberts at (562) 904-2334. For further crime prevention advice, refer to the "crime tips" tab at www.downeypd.org.