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# Dealer Alert

## **THEFTS FROM DEALERSHIPS ON THE RISE**

From London to the GTA, and beyond, we continue to see a rise in thefts, break and enters and vandalism at Ontario dealerships.

The sight of a lot full of inventory at closed and quiet dealerships is too irresistible to your common criminal.

Their technique is not exactly 'pink panther' stealth, it is more like smash and grab. The bad guys often just bust a window and try to find keys to make off with the choicest vehicles they can manage. Do not give the crooks an opportunity, secure your premises, secure your keys.

Yesterday, we received this information and advice for UCDA Members from London Police Service Detective, David McKay:

**Subject: *Rash of Break and Enter/ Auto Thefts***

*In roughly the last 48 hours there have been 4 break and enters to used car dealer businesses where over 100 vehicle keys and numerous vehicles were taken. Two incidents occurred in the City of London and a third business was hit outside the City two consecutive times.*

**It is my suggestion as a crime prevention strategy that dealers remove vehicle keys from their businesses and store them at off-site locations.**

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