Michigan is ranked 6th in the nation for auto theft, and college campuses can be top targets. To help raise awareness, Help Eliminate Auto Thefts (HEAT), Michigan’s statewide auto theft prevention program, offers these tips to stay safe on campus.

**How to Protect Yourself from Auto-Related Theft:**

1. **Always Lock Your Car**
   - Half of all vehicles stolen are left unlocked and nearly 20 percent of all vehicles stolen have keys in them.

2. **Park in Well-Lit Areas or Attended Lots**
   - Avoid parking near objects that block your view of the surrounding area, such as dumpsters, bushes, and large trucks.

3. **Don’t Leave Valuables in Sight**
   - Place personal items such as cell phones, purses, laptops, books, backpacks and chargers in the trunk. This helps prevent your vehicle from being pushed or towed away. Always engage your emergency brake when parking.

4. **Be Alert and Aware**
   - Look around and stay alert when you are stopped at an intersection. When approaching your car, look around and inside your vehicle before getting in.

**Are You A Target?**

**Michigan’s Most Stolen Vehicles**

1. Chevrolet Impala
2. Chevrolet Pickup
3. Ford Caravan
4. Dodge Charger
5. Chevrolet Trailblazer
6. Chevrolet Malibu
7. Pontiac Grand Prix
8. Jeep Cherokee
9. Ford Fusion
10. Chevrolet Malibu

**You Can Help.**

If you have information about auto theft, report it to your local police department and HEAT’s confidential tip-reward line, 1-800-242-HEAT.