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How safe is your car? Car insurance can help if you're a victim of theft, but follow these tips to prevent it from occurring in the first place. Motor vehicle theft; it's one of those things that happens to other people isn't it? You keep your car locked and secure, so there's no way it'll ever get nicked right? If that's what you think, you might be wrong. Compare Car Insurance. The numbers on car theft in Australia. Figures released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) as part of their most recent release on Recorded Crime in Australia have found that motor vehicle theft is increasing in certain parts of the country. The release reports that five of Australia's eight states and territories experienced a positive percentage change. Other tips for preventing car theft. Never leave your vehicle running unattended (this includes in the winter when you're trying to warm up your car). Make sure all windows are closed and all doors are locked. There are also instances where someone may take a car for a joyride or use it as a tool in another crime. On the other hand, it's possible that the thieves aren't actually interested in your car at all, but rather what's inside. If they get their hands on important documentation, like your pink slip, you could end up being the victim of identity theft, or even insurance fraud. Is my vehicle at risk of being stolen? Some makes and models are targeted more often by car thieves than others.