



POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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The Burlington Police Department would like to follow up with the community and strongly encourage Hyundai and Kia vehicle owners to have their vehicles serviced. We continue to see targeted thefts of Hyundai and Kia vehicles, often times resulting in property damage. As mentioned in our previous public service announcement, an anti-theft campaign has been launched and eligible owners can receive a free software upgrade.

Please continue to lock and secure your vehicles accordingly and review our previous public service announcement provided below for additional details.

August 24, 2023

The Burlington Police Department would like to notify the community of targeted thefts of Hyundai and Kia vehicles. Due to a software malfunction, certain years and models of these vehicles are vulnerable to theft without a key. We have started seeing an increase in Hyundai and Kia vehicles being stolen, with suspects escalating to smashing windows and forcing their way into these vehicles.

Hyundai has launched an anti-theft campaign. Details can be found at the following link:  
<https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/tsbs/2023/MC-10232190-0001.pdf>

To find out if your vehicle is eligible for a free software upgrade please contact:

- [Burlington Hyundai](#) at (802) 448-3891
- [Berlin City Kia of Vermont](#) at (802) 864-3905, ext. 3

Please be aware and take caution. Practicing a daily routine can help keep you and your belongings safe.

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Friendly Reminder:

- Remove valuables from your car
- Lock car doors
- Store key fobs in a safe place, away from your car
- When possible, keep your car in garage or well-lit area
- When possible, aim security cameras at your parked car

For additional safety and crime prevention resources, please visit our website at <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/Police/Safety-Crime-Prevention-Resources>

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