

20 Years of Preventing Automobile Theft in Texas

Who We Are

The Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) was established by the 72nd Texas Legislature in 1991. The ABTPA is charged with assessing automobile burglary, theft, and economic theft (burglary committed for financial gain) in Texas, analyzing the methods, and providing financial support to combat the problems.

What We Do

In addition to providing guidance and oversight, the ABTPA awards grants to law enforcement agencies and nonprofit organizations to raise public awareness of vehicle theft and burglary to implement education and prevention initiatives.



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How We Are Funded

The ABTPA is funded by a legislatively mandated annual assessment consisting of an annual fee for each vehicle per insurance policy. Individual policyholders pay the fee to the insurance companies.

Where Our Funds Go

While 92 percent of ABTPA appropriations are expended on grant related activity, only 8 percent are earmarked for administrative costs, which include:

- ABTPA staff, located in the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles
- The Help End Auto Theft (H.E.A.T.) vehicle registration program located in the Texas Department of Public Safety
- Statewide public awareness campaigns to prevent
 Texans from becoming victims of auto burglary or theft
- · Administrative and support costs