



Crime Free Multi-Housing

Lost/Stolen Insurance Decal (Val Tag)



Theft from motor vehicle is a common crime of opportunity that can happen fast and at any time of the day. In addition to licence plates, insurance decals or “Val tags” can also be targeted by thieves. However, it is easy to protect your Val tag by following the simple steps below:



Avoid stacking your insurance stickers on top of one another. The ‘pillow effect’ makes it easy for thieves to remove the entire stack of stickers and fraudulently adhere them to a different licence plate.



Before installing your new sticker, take a sharp straight edged object and scratch out old decals so that they cannot be removed easily. Ensure the surface is clean and dry before applying your new sticker.



When putting on your newest sticker, take a razor blade or utility knife and cut criss-crossing diagonal lines. These marks will be invisible to the naked eye but will eliminate the ability to remove the sticker.

Reporting Lost/Stolen Insurance Decal (Val tag):

- Report it as soon as you notice it missing from your vehicle. Call 911 if you see someone actively removing a decal from a vehicle that doesn't belong to them.
- Call the non-emergency number of the municipality where your decal was presumed lost/stolen.
- The call taker will ask for your personal details and vehicle information.
- Obtain a police file number so that when you are driving to get a replacement Val tag, you have it available if you are pulled over by police.

What else do I need to know?

- There is an \$18.00 charge to replace your lost or stolen insurance decal but you will not be issued new licence plates. Check out ICBC.com for more information.

