

# CRIME WATCH

## It's A Lock: The Key To Making Sure Items Stay Put

(NAPSA)—An estimated \$12 billion worth of personal property is stolen each year in the United States. While automobiles account for a little more than half of that figure, thieves are increasingly targeting other valuable items, such as tools, trailers, ladders—even spare tires.

Fortunately, consumers can deter thieves by taking items that aren't nailed down and locking them up. While cable locks have been used for decades to help prevent the theft of bicycles and motorcycles, these useful items are now being coiled around propane tanks, picnic tables and other household items that homeowners would like to keep.

With this in mind, Winner International, makers of The Club steering wheel lock, has created a line of high-performance cables, padlocks and specialty locks to protect and secure vehicles as well as anything on, in, pulled by or related to them.

The Club Automotive Security Series cables come with a lifetime guarantee. Made of flexible, woven steel, the bright red vinyl coating helps deter thieves and protects secured items from damage. For consumer convenience, there are combination locks, key locks and chains that can be secured with padlocks.

The company also recommends



**More and more homeowners are getting on the chain gang and locking up personal items.**

the following precautions to help prevent thefts:

- Do not leave ladders outside. Keep any tools that could be used to break in your home safely locked away in a garage or shed.

- Secure all outdoor and personal property such as bikes, grills, lawn mowers, patio furniture, pool gates, etc. with quality cable locks, u-locks and padlocks to prevent theft.

- Lock your bike, even at home, to a fixed immovable object. Do not lock your bike to items that can easily be cut, broken, or otherwise removed.

To learn more about products in the Automotive Security Series, or for additional safety and security tips, visit the Web site at [www.theclub.com](http://www.theclub.com).