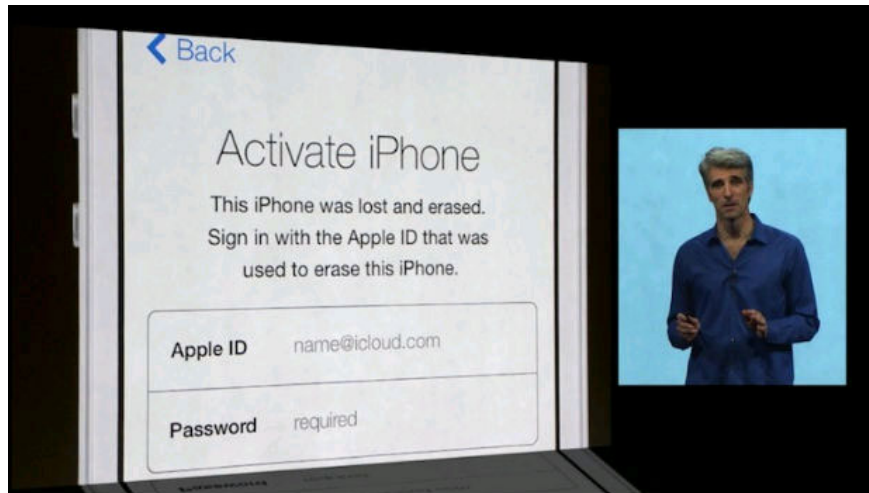


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According to *Maclife*, the feature helps reduce the rate of iPhone theft in *San Francisco*, "home" of Apple to 38%. This number is quite impressive, especially when up to 59% of robberies in San Francisco last year were stealing smartphones.

Notably, not only *San Francisco*, the rate of iPhone theft in other key cities like New York also decreased but was somewhat less with 19%. In some other cities such as London, theft rates have fallen 24% since the lock feature enabled Activation Lock launched on the iPhone.

According to a survey, a total of 3.1 million Americans were stolen by smartphones in 2013, almost doubling the number of 1.6 million burglaries in 2012. Real numbers This makes manufacturers have to offer anti-theft measures such as Activation Lock on iOS or Kill Switch on Android Lollipop.

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