

Prevention is Your Best Protection Against Crime!

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Theft from Motor Vehicle Prevention Tips

Always Remember to:

- Remove all Valuables
- Close Doors and Windows
- Lock Your Vehicle

It is always a good idea to:

- Call the Police if you see something suspicious
- Label your valuables
- Use anti-theft devices
- Record serial numbers of all electronic equipment

You will benefit from practicing these prevention tips by:

- Minimizing your risk of identity theft*
- Preventing damage to your vehicle*
- Protecting your property*

***DON'T THINK IT CAN'T HAPPEN TO YOU!
ACT BEFORE, NOT AFTER THE CRIME!***

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Don't Become A Victim!

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STOP THE CRIME BEFORE IT STARTS!

One of the reasons motor vehicle break-ins are on the rise nationwide is because people make it far too easy for a thief to gain access to their vehicle. People also make their vehicle a target by leaving valuable items in plain sight.

Some commonly stolen items include:

- Cell Phones, Cameras, Laptop Computers
- Mobile GPS Devices
- Money, Purses and Wallets
- Stereo equipment, iPods, CDs

You can significantly reduce your risk by:

Taking Out Valuables

Ideally, valuables should always be left at home. If this is not possible, take them with you once you reach your destination and exit the vehicle. Don't forget the chargers and connecting wires as well!

Closing Doors and Windows

Don't give a thief a quick and quiet way to enter your vehicle. Take the time to ensure that you have closed everything.

Locking Your Vehicle

The click of a button or the turning of a key can easily prevent the crime in many cases. Use your car alarm if you have one.

CHOOSE YOUR LOCATION WISELY!

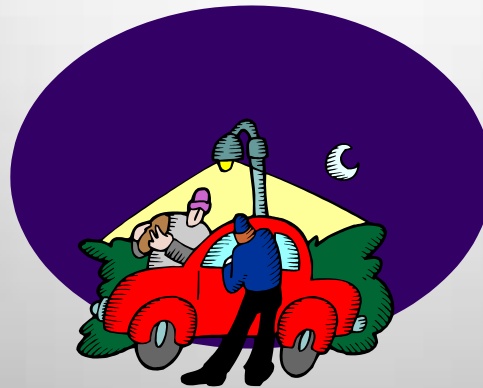
Choose your parking spot wisely! It is important to be aware of your surroundings when choosing a parking area. Thieves are looking for vehicles to enter with the lowest possibility of people watching and thereby notifying law enforcement. The ideal parking area is a locked garage. If that is not available, it is important to keep the do's and don'ts of parking in mind:

Don't

- Don't park where others cannot see your vehicle
- Don't park in dimly lit, secluded locations

Do

- Park in **WELL LIT AREAS**
- Park in **HIGHLY VISIBLE AREAS**



KEEP THESE POINTERS IN MIND TO PREVENT THE CRIME!

A thief can break into your car and steal your valuables in a matter of **SECONDS!**

- Keep your vehicle **LOCKED!** A majority of reported thefts are from unlocked vehicles!
- If you are shopping, lock items in the trunk
- Park in high traffic areas during the day and well lit areas at night
- Don't be complacent. Be aware of your surroundings and on the lookout for suspicious activity!
- Avoid storing any valuables in your vehicle!
- Never leave purses or wallets in your vehicle...thieves can use your personal information to commit another crime: **IDENTITY THEFT!**