

AUTO BURGLARIES ARE PREVENTABLE

Most thefts from motor vehicles are preventable. There are just a few things you need to do to prevent them. Once you realize the steps you need to take, we need you to do them all the time:

PRACTICE T - L - C

Take Out Valuables

If you can leave your valuables at home, do so. Otherwise, when you get to your destination, take valuables with you. If you have to leave them in your vehicle place them in your trunk *prior to reaching your destination.*

Lock Your Vehicle

Verify that your vehicle is securely locked before leaving the area. Keyless or remote locking systems can malfunction from a low battery, etc. leaving your vehicle unlocked. Make sure it's locked!

Close Windows and Sun/Moon Roof

Windows and sun/moon roof (if equipped) allows a thief a quick & quiet way to enter your vehicle. Even a crack in the window makes the thief's job so much easier. Verify that your vehicle's windows are rolled up and the sun/moon roof is closed before leaving the vehicle.

COMMON STOLEN ITEMS

You might be surprised just what thieves are looking for, or what victims make easily available to them:

- Firearms
- Portable Personal Entertainment Systems
- Prescription Drugs
- Global Positioning Satellite Systems
- Credit Cards
- Keys and Remotes
- Check Books
- Personal Digital Assistant (PDA)
- Cameras
- Lap-top Computers
- Cell Phones
- Compact Discs
- Pull-out Stereo Systems
- Address Books
- Receipts
- Purses
- Jewelry
- Money
- Jackets
- Gym Bags & Sports Equipment
- Luggage
- Garage Door Openers
- Briefcases
- Your Identity

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION (Continued)

Ideally, the best place to park is in your locked garage. Otherwise, here are other important factors to consider:

Don't:

- Don't leave a firearm in your car overnight.
- Don't park where others cannot see your vehicle, such as behind buildings, shrubbery, landscaping berms or larger vehicles/trucks.
- Don't park in all-day unattended parking areas.
- Don't trust your vehicle remote to lock your doors.
- Don't park in a parking lot and then transfer valuables items to your trunk, where a thief might observe.

Do:

- Do park in well lit areas.
- Do park where your vehicle is visible to others.
- Do verify that your vehicles' windows are rolled up and the doors are locked before leaving the vehicle.
- Do join a Neighborhood and/or Business Watch group(s)

MORE TIPS

- Mark valuables with your Driver License Number
- Record your VIN number
- Use anti-theft devices
- If you have to give your car key out - give the valet key only. Do not have a key ring with your name on it
- Have your license tag number handy

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It is important to take care when you park your vehicle. Thieves are looking for vehicles they can enter with the least possibility of someone watching and thereby alerting authorities. (Cont. on next panel)