



CAR BURGLARY PREVENTION

PREVENTION TIPS



Hide or remove your valuables. Theft is a crime of opportunity, don't make it easy to steal. Keep your valuable items with you, or out of sight. Car floors, dashboards, or car seats are not good places to leave valuable items like:

- Purses, wallets, laptop bags, and briefcases.
- Shopping bags and backpacks.
- Cell phones, cameras, GPS Systems.
- Loose change, keys.
- Firearms.



Make burglaries difficult. Car burglars don't want the crime to be complex. Every hurdle you can provide increases the likelihood that they will move on. These tips can help protect you against car burglaries:

- Lock your doors and roll up your windows when you park.
- Activate your security system.
- Remove valuable items and documents.
- Avoid using the console or glove box as mobile lockboxes.



Keep your car visible. The last thing thieves want is a crowd to witness their crime. You can help prevent a burglary by parking your car in crowded areas such as:

- Busy parking lots and designated spaces.
- Well-lit spaces, especially those near a lamppost if you're out at night.

Don't hand a car burglar your keys. Leaving your key on the dash or in the ignition is an invitation to a car burglar. Also keep in mind that if you have a hiding place for a spare key (in your wheel well or above your sun visor), a thief has likely thought of it too.

Trust your instincts. If you see suspicious activity, find somewhere else to park. Don't confront anyone: If you're concerned, report your suspicions to the police. By reporting suspicious activity to the proper authorities, you can help prevent others from becoming a victim of a car burglary or another crime.

Help us help you. Have a record of every item with a serial number. If your personal property is stolen, it's much easier to prove that it belongs to you if it is recovered. Write down your serial numbers for items (such as firearms, electronics, tools, and bicycles) and store them in a safe place.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Emergency/Crime in Progress
Dial 9-1-1

Report a Crime or Suspicious Activity
Dispatch Center: (307) 637-6525

24-Hour Anonymous Tip Line
(307) 638-8477

General Department Requests
(307) 637-6500