

# LOCK it or LOSE it

**DON'T MAKE IT EASY TO STEAL**



## REMOVE Valuables from Vehicles

The old saying “out of sight, out of mind” bears true with criminals. Bring valuables into the house from your vehicle. When away from your home, lock valuables in the trunk of your vehicle. Never leave purses, wallets, cellular phones, jewelry or other valuables in your parked, unattended vehicle.



## LOCK Your Vehicles

Most criminals are not breaking windows to steal your property. The vast majority of vehicle larcenies are from unlocked cars and trucks. Locking your vehicle is the easiest way to prevent from becoming a victim.



## REPORT Any Suspicious Activity

Police need your help to be the “eyes and ears” in our community. When you observe someone or something suspicious, call 911 immediately. The assistance of our residents is how we are able to catch most criminals that break into cars.

**Don't hesitate, report it.**

## Follow these Suggestions to Deter Criminals

- Take your keys out of your vehicle
- Lock your car
- Park in well-lit areas
- Park in attended lots
- Leave only ignition/door key with the lot attendant
- Completely close car windows when parking
- Do not leave valuables in plain view (place items in your trunk if they must be left in the car)
- Use your garage
- Lock your garage door and the vehicle inside
- Engrave expensive accessories
- Use tire/wheel locks
- Install an audible alarm
- Take out removable radios and face plates
- Avoid parking between large vehicles and big bushes (they provide cover for thieves)
- Do not approach your vehicle if a stranger is near it; call 911 or security for an escort

## Items to Avoid Leaving in Plain View

- Cell phones
- GPS Navigation
- Jewelry
- Luggage
- Sports equipment (golf and baseball bags)
- Cigarettes
- Weapons
- CDs/DVDs
- Briefcases
- Purses and wallets
- Radar detectors
- Laptop computers
- Removable radios
- Clothing
- Money (loose change)
- Tablets
- Shopping bags
- Check books

## Be Aware of Criminal's Methods and Locations

### ENTRY METHODS

- Break glass
- Use unlocked door
- Open windows
- Open vent windows
- Sliding truck windows
- Open sun roofs
- Convertibles

### HIGH RISK AREAS

- Apartment parking lots
- Single family residence driveways
- Auto repair shops/dealers
- Shopping center parking lots
- Restaurant and bar parking lots
- Park parking lots

### SUSPICIOUS ACTIONS

- Pulling door handles
- Looking in windows
- Odd clothing for the time of year (long coats and/or gloves worn in summer)
- Lookouts
- Nervous behavior
- Checking for alarms by bumping windows or bumpers for sensitivity



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