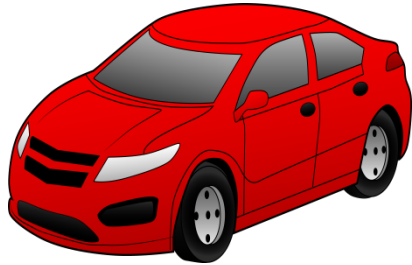


The information in this pamphlet lists some of the common items, methods, and locations of thefts from automobiles. You may be a potential victim if you often leave valuable items in your vehicle or park in high risk areas. Reduce your chance of being a victim – become familiar with this information, and practice behaviour found on the deterrents list.



Did you know...

- The majority of thefts from autos occur on Holidays, such as Christmas and Thanksgiving.
- The hours between 7pm and 6am account for the majority of vehicle burglaries in apartment complexes and single family residences.



Thefts From Autos



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FOLLOW THESE SUGGESTIONS TO HELP DETER CRIMINALS:

- Take your keys out of your vehicle
- Lock your car
- Park in well-lit areas
- Park in attended lots
- Leave only the ignition/door key with the lot attendant
- Completely close care 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 audible alarm
- Take out removable radios and face plates
- Avoid parking between large vehicles (they provide cover)
- Do not approach your vehicle when a stranger is near it; call 911 or security for an escort



ITEMS TO AVOID LEAVING IN PLAIN VIEW:

- Cell Phones
- GPS Navigation Systems
- Charger Cords
- Antennas
- Pagers
- Sports Equipment (golf and baseball bags)
- iPods
- Cigarettes
- Weapons
- CDs/DVDs
- Briefcases
- Purses
- Wallets
- Laptop Computers
- Removable Radios
- Clothing
- Money (loose change)
- Address Books
- Credit Cards



BE AWARE OF CRIMINALS' METHODS AND LOCATIONS:

Entry Methods:

- Break glass
- Left unlocked
- Pried/jimmied
- Windows rolled down or half-rolled down
- Window vents
- Sliding windows (mainly trucks)
- Sunroofs
- Convertibles

Most Common Points of Entry:

- Side and rear window
- Side door

High Risk Areas:

- Apartments
- Single family residences
- Auto Parts/Dealers/Repair Shops
- Shopping Centres
- Restaurants
- Parks
- Bars

Suspicious Actions:

- Pulling door handles
- Looking in windows
- Odd clothing for the time of year (long coats or gloves worn in Summer)
- Lookouts
- Nervous looking
- Checking for alarms by bumping or hitting the window or bumpers for sensitivity