Prevent Theft ~ Lock Your Vehicle

The majority of vehicle break-ins occur outside private homes in driveways or on the street in front of the victim's home. Thefts from vehicles would be drastically reduced if people would lock their car doors and stop leaving valuables inside their vehicles. Leaving items on display, whether in or on a dashboard or in a mounted cradle, or sitting on the passenger seat, is an open invitation to opportunist criminals.

Tips for Protecting Valuables:

If You Have a Garage ~ Use It rather than parking outside where your vehicle is more vulnerable.

When parking in a garage lock the garage door and your vehicle. Locking both the garage and vehicle doors, the chances of deterring a thief greatly improve.

Remove All Items of Value such as handbags, wallets, cell phones, MP3 players, iPods, laptops, GPS's from the car when you are not driving. Take out removable radios and faceplates. Engrave expensive accessories. Don't leave anything in your glove compartment or center console – it is the first place thieves look.

Don't Cover Items in Your Car with a Blanket or Jacket. Ideally, you should take them with you, but if unavoidable, place them in the trunk prior to arriving at your destination.

Completely Close All Car Windows

Park in a Well-Lit Area Close to Your Destination

Avoid Parking Between Large Vehicles they provide cover for thieves.

Use Outdoor Lighting - porch and motion lights help deter crime.

Don't Leave the Registration or Title in Your Car. Your car registration has your address on it. File the title at your home or office, and carry registration in your purse or wallet.

Record Serial Numbers of Your Valuables

Get involved! Be your neighbor's eyes and ears. Talk to neighbors regarding activity in the neighborhood. By becoming familiar with those who belong in your neighborhood, you can help reduce crime.

Call 911 When a Crime is in Progress.

By taking simple precautions and just a few moments to remove valuable items from your car you can significantly improve your chances of not becoming a victim of this type of crime even when your car is left unattended in your driveway, outside your house or place of work.

IF THEY CAN SEE IT THEY CAN STEAL IT.

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