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Vehicle Burglaries Thefts from Vehicles

We have noticed an increase in vehicle burglaries where the victims are not locking their cars! Here are 13 important tips to follow:

- Hide your valuables: Items in the open make your car a bigger target.
- Take your keys and never leave a second set in your vehicle: Twenty percent of stolen vehicles had keys inside them, making the theft even easier.
- Lock your car: Almost half of all vehicles stolen were left unlocked, and many thefts from cars occur without forced entry.
- Park in well-lit or heavily-trafficked areas: Thieves do not like witnesses. Find an attended lot or garage if possible.
- Give parking attendants the ignition key only: Keep your trunk and glove box locked at all times.
 If possible, get separate keys for the ignition and the trunk and glove box.
- Never leave your car running unattended: Cars are often stolen at convenience stores, gas stations or when an owner leaves the vehicle running to warm it up.
- o Install an anti-theft device: Many insurance companies may give you a discount for certain antitheft devices. Check with your agent for details. Anti-theft devices include:
 - Ignition or fuel kill switches: Kill switches are inexpensive devices that disable the car until being disengaged.
 - Visible steering wheel, floorboard, tire or gearshift locks: These locks disables key components of the vehicle, rendering it immobile.
 - Hood locks. These prevent the thief from gaining access to your engine, security system or battery.
 - Armored collar around the steering column: Collars protect the column and ignition from tampering.
- Alarms: Security systems are common and make loud warning sounds when the car is opened.
 Optional sensors may detect glass breaking, motion, tampering and towing.
- Vehicle tracking: A hidden transmitter enables police to track the car.
- Call the Sheriff's Department or local police if you see suspicious behavior near vehicles.

MOST IMPORTANT: LOCK YOUR CAR!! MANY THEFTS FROM CARS OCCUR WITHOUT FORCED ENTRY!!

Thank you, and please help us help you NOT to be a victim of crime!



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"If You See Something, Say Something"

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