

## **AUTO BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS**

The most infuriating things that can happen to a car owner is the "smash and grab" car break-in. Leaving valuables in plain sight in your car is bait to an opportunist thief.

Don't fall victim to a car burglar by locking your car, taking care of keys, removal your belongings from plain sight. You will find some of the auto burglary prevention tips helpful in reducing risk of being a victim.

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DON'T LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR CAR

Don't leave valuables in plain view (remove valuables at night; place in trunk during the day if items must be left in vehicle)

**LEAVE NO TRACE** 

Don't leave any sign that there might be valuables out of sight in your vehicle such as docking stations or connector cables. Leave nothing in plain sight that might make your vehicle worth investigating by a thief.

TRY TO PARK IN BUSY, WELL LIGHTED AREAS

Large anonymous lots are hit by thieves much more often than parking immediately adjacent to residential housing or other occupied buildings. **LOCK ALL YOUR DOORS** 

Often items are stolen from unlocked vehicles where the owner was only going to be gone "just for a second". It only takes second for a thief to steal your stuff!

SET AN ALARM OR ANANTI THEFT DEVICE

If you have one, use it. Many people believe that car alarms no longer make a difference, but they can be an effective deterrent to an auto burglar, who most often chooses the easiest target.

**MARK YOUR VALUABLES** 

As a last line of defense (not really to prevent theft but to aid in recovery), mark your valuables. This will be helpful in claiming the recovered items in case the culprit in caught by law enforcement agencies.

DON'T DISMISS A NEAR MISS Promptly Report All Close Calls

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