How do you Prevent Auto Burglaries?

T TAKE OUT VALUABLES

L LOCK UP!

C CLOSE WINDOWS

CRIME PREVENTION

Auto Burglaries are Preventable...

There are just a few things you need to do to prevent auto thefts. Once you realize the steps you need to take, we are counting on you to do them on a continual basis.

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Take Out Valuables

If you can leave your valuables at home, do just that. Otherwise, when you get to your destination, take valuables with you. If you have to leave them In your vehicle... place them in your trunk before you get to your destination.

Lock Your Vehicle

Enough said.

Close Doors and Windows

An open door or window allows a thief a quick & quiet way to enter your vehicle. Even a crack in the window makes the thief's job so much easier. Take the time to make sure you closed everything.

Why Auto Burglaries?

The increase in auto burglaries is part of a national trend. The reason auto burglaries are prolific is because people make it too easy for a thief to gain access to their vehicle and make it so tempting to attempt entry by leaving valuables in plain view.

Thieves can quickly enter vehicles, often sight unseen. Many use stolen items to help them get drugs to support their addiction. Increasingly, we are finding that thieves are using personal information found in vehicles to commit identity theft.

Commonly Stolen Items

You might be surprised just what thieves are looking for, or what victims make easily available to them:

PDA's • CAMERAS • LAPTOPS
CELL PHONES • CD's • MAIL
ADDRESS BOOKS/ AGENDAS
RECEIPTS • PURSES • MONEY
VEHICLE REGISTRATION
STEREOS • GYM BAGS
LUGGAGE
GARAGE DOOR OPENERS
FAST TRAK DEVICES
You name it.....

Location, Location, Location

You can often choose where you park your vehicle. It is important to take care where you park. Thieves are looking for vehicles they can enter with the least possibility of someone watching and thereby alerting authorities.

Here are important factors to remember:

DON'T

- Don't park where others cannot see your vehicle, such as behind buildings, shrubbery, landscaping or large vehicles.
- Don't park in all-day unattended parking areas.

DO:

- Do park in well lit areas
- Do join a Neighborhood and/or Business watch groups.
- Do park where your vehicle is visible to others.

Benefits YOU!

WHEN YOU PRACTICE TLC & DO NOT BECOME A VICTIM YOU WIN!

- Your windows do not get broken
- Your insurance rates do not go up
- Your city has a lower crime rate
- You do not have to shop for replacement items
- You do not have to order another driver's license, credit cards, etc.
- Your car will not need repairs
- You do not expose yourself to identity theft
- You do not have to wait for an officer to take a report
- You do not have to wait for reimbursement
- You do not have to pay your insurance deductible
- You do not have to wait for your car to be repaired
- You do not lose irreplaceable items
- There is no broken glass to clean up
- You do not have to rent a car

OTHER TIPS

- Mark your valuables
- Record your VIN from your car
- Use anti-theft devices
- If you have to give your car key out - Give out the valet key
- Do not have a key ring with your name on it
- Report all suspicious activity by calling 510-981-5900

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