

BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE



Burglary of a motor vehicle is the theft of property from a motor vehicle. Most are crimes of opportunity through unlocked doors and open windows. Many times even locked doors and closed windows are not enough and victims suffer expensive vehicle damage – especially to their windows, doors, and locks. It is always best to avoid leaving things of value inside your vehicle when parked in public places. If valuables need to be left behind, place them out of sight. Large parking locations like shopping centers, housing communities, parks and schools are prime targets for a burglar since multiple vehicles can be hit in a short time span. Also, burglars know the odds are good that someone will leave a door unlocked, a window down, or even keys in the ignition.

Vehicle Burglary Prevention Tips

Unfortunately, burglaries of a motor vehicle are very common. Luckily, they are preventable. Use these easy and inexpensive tips to reduce your risk of becoming a victim of a theft from your vehicle:

Parking & Securing Your Vehicle

- Use a garage or secure location whenever possible. Roll up the windows and lock all doors
- Park in well-lit areas where your car can be seen. Secure the trunk, hatches, bed-mounted tool boxes.
- Avoid isolated areas. Park near locations frequently used by pedestrians. Activate your alarm
- Install anti-theft devices
If you hear something suspicious (shattering glass) or see someone looking into vehicles, call 911
- Leave outside lighting on when parked at home and install additional lighting where necessary.

Remove These Items or Place out of Sight

- ▶ Cameras
- ▶ Garage door opener
- ▶ Purses
- ▶ CD player and CDs, GPS unit
- ▶ Garage door opener
- ▶ Cell phones, jewelry
- ▶ Clothing, laptop
- ▶ Checkbooks, keys
- ▶ Credit/debit, gift cards
- ▶ Luggage or bags
- ▶ Day planner, mail
- ▶ Electronic devices

Vehicle Burglary Prevention Begins with You

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