



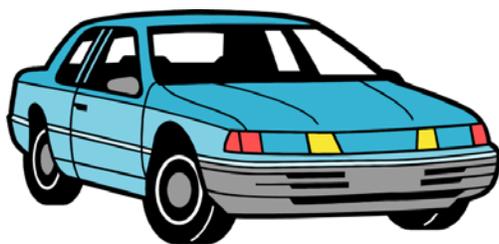
Community safety is a shared responsibility.

Vehicle Prowl & Theft Prevention Tips

Reduce your risk of becoming a victim

The following are recommendations that can reduce your risk of being a victim of a vehicle prowler or theft.

- Do not leave any items in your vehicle. If you have a removable stereo or one with a pull-off face, take it inside your home at night. Do not leave music CDs, cassettes, purses, wallets, checkbooks, ID cards, credit cards, cash or anything else of value in your vehicle. Don't tempt would-be thieves!
- When you approach your parked vehicle, stop and take a look around the area to see if anyone is around. Check under and inside your vehicle before getting in.
- Before leaving your parked car, always remove the keys, roll up the windows and lock the car. Do not leave an extra key or valuables in the car.
- If you can afford an audible car alarm, buy one and use it.
- Apply anti-theft devices such as steering wheel locks, steering column collars and tire locks.
- Install a starter, ignition, and fuel disabler.
- Install a locking gas tank cap.
- Make a habit of automatically locking your garage door and car doors.
- If possible, store your car in a closed and locked garage. Lock the main door into the house.
- If your car is stored in a carport or parked near your house, leave your exterior lights on throughout the night.
- If you park on the street, choose a well-lit, open space even if it means adding additional street/yard lighting and trimming back trees/bushes that block your view of your vehicle.
- Consider replacing the light fixture closest to your car with a motion detector unit. Motion detectors are a good psychological deterrent since the normal assumption of a person seeing a light come on is that someone has seen them. Additionally, the light makes the prowler or thief more visible to witnesses. Be sure the lights are high enough that they cannot be tampered with.



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