



## CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR AUTO THEFT AND CAR PROWLS

Auto theft is a widespread crime that affects the whole community. Higher insurance rates, property damage and injuries and loss of life from accidents are the results. It's a billion dollar a year crime. You can reduce the risk of theft of your unattended car, parts or contents by observing certain precautions.

- *Secure valuables and don't leave them in plain view: Never leave purses, backpacks, checkbooks, credit cards, mail or other valuable items in your car.*
- *Lock your car. Especially if you've parked outside, do not leave the garage door opener in your car overnight.*
- *Don't leave keys in the car: Keep car keys and house keys on separate rings. Never have an ID tag on your car key ring-thieves can easily locate your car.*
- *Never hide an extra car key under the hood or elsewhere on your car.*
- *Park in well-lit and busy areas: This is important for both your personal safety and the protection of your car and it's contents.*
- *While your registration, insurance card and driver's license are required by law to be presented to police during traffic stops or accidents, it's best not to leave these documents in your car overnight.*
- *Mark your property: Criminals have also found it profitable to steal equipment and accessories. Engraving tools are available for sign-out at both your local libraries and your local Neighborhood Police Storefront stations (see below).*
- *Neighborhood Block Watches: Get the help of your neighbors to watch and listen. Community members are the best "eyes and ears" we have. Communicate with one another so that if there is a problem you're all aware of it. For more information on Crime Prevention call one of the Neighborhood Storefront offices listed below.*

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