

Theft from vehicles is an opportunity based crime and offenders target easy vehicles. This crime type can be prevented.

Some simple tips to prevent theft from your vehicle:

- Remove all valuables (backpacks, cell phones, purses, wallets, sunglasses, GPS systems, keys, iPod', shopping bags, cigarettes, etc) from your vehicle.
- If you must keep valuables in your vehicle, store them in your trunk.
- Never leave a spare vehicle or house key in your vehicle.
- Whenever possible, park your vehicle in your garage.
- Lock your doors, and roll up your windows completely when you park.
- Protect your insurance and registration documents as well as your garage door opener. (Carry them in your wallet or conceal them).
- If your garage door opener is stolen, ensure you change your system code.
- Install a car alarm, or use "the club" to lock the steering wheel.
- Use locking screws for your license plate.

Your best weapon is your brain. Use common sense, imagination, and good judgment.