

To prevent the theft of property from a vehicle:

- Never leave any contents or valuables in plain sight. Remove cell phones, iPod, audio systems, computers, packages, change in ashtray, sport equipment, cameras, purses, etc. Lock them in the trunk before you park or take them with you. And if you can't replace an item, don't leave it anywhere in your vehicle.
- Mark all items with your drivers license number and record any serial numbers on your property and secure the numbers in a place you can find them.
- Install locking devices on batteries, wheels, audio equipment, etc.
- Make several slices through your license plate registration sticker after it has been placed on the plate. If the plate or sticker is stolen, report the theft to police and call the DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles) immediately to report the loss and get replacements.

Secure to be Sure



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**Little Rock Police Department
Crime Prevention Unit:**

Public Affairs Office

**Crime Stoppers Program
501-371-4636**

**Neighborhood Watch Program
501-918-5358**

**Home Security Survey
501-918-5369 or
501-918-2330**

**Business Security Survey
501-918-5369**

Emergency: 911
Non-Emergency: 311



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Secure your car and the items inside **to be sure** a thief will pass you by

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What do thieves look for when they gaze in your vehicle?

Tips to reduce your chances of being a victim of a B&E

Preventing Theft or Break-ins

The following tips help prevent vehicle break-ins, which could lead to theft of the vehicle itself or of property items from the vehicle.

- Park in open, well-lighted, and populated areas near your destination. Avoid parking near trucks, vans, dumpsters, and other objects that obstruct visibility and provide hiding places. Avoid parking near strangers loitering or sitting in vehicles.
- Park in lots or garages where you don't have to leave your keys.
- Park in your garage, if you have one. Don't leave your vehicle on the street, in an alley, or on your driveway. If you have to park on a street, avoid dark or isolated areas.

- Turn off your engine, roll up all windows, lock all doors, and take your keys with you even if you are making a quick stop at a store or gas station, or even in your driveway. Close all windows and lock the trunk and hood.
- Don't leave spare keys in your vehicle. An experienced thief knows all the hiding places. Store spare keys in your wallet.
- Don't leave your vehicle in an unattended public lot for an extended period time.
- Buy a vehicle with interior hood and trunk lock releases. Install a secondary hood lock if your car does not have one.
- Replace knob-type door lock buttons with tapered ones.
- Install an alarm system that will sound when someone attempts to break in, move, tilt, or start your vehicle. Always activate the system when leaving the vehicle.
- Check your vehicle if you hear the alarm sound. But don't try to stop a person attempting to break in. Get a good description of the person and call the police.

To Prevent Theft of the Vehicle Itself:

- Turn your wheels sharply toward the curb when parking on a street.

- Use anti-theft devices that can be attached to the steering wheel or column, or brake pedal. Use one every time you leave your vehicle unattended. Steering wheel locks are inexpensive and are recommended by some experts to be the most cost-effective theft deterrent on the market today.
- Install fuel or power cut-off switches.
- Buy a vehicle with a locking ignition or steering column.
- Know your vehicle license number for reporting to 911 if your vehicle is stolen.
- Keep a copy of your vehicle registration in your car as law requires and make a copy to be kept in your home for reporting purposes.

Auto Alarm Panic Button:

- If you have an auto alarm keep your keys by your bed at night. If you hear a noise or suspicious activity around your home press the panic button. The alarm will sound off until you turn it off.

Tips to reduce your chances of being a victim of a Burglary

In your Home or Apartment

- Have lights at all entrances
- Have good locks on all doors and windows — and use them!
- Replace standard screws in the strike plate on your doors with 3 inch screws.
- Do not use your full name on your mailbox, in the telephone directory, or on your answering machine.
- Do not leave a schedule of your times away from home on your answering machine.
- Know which of your neighbors you can trust and depend upon in an emergency.
- Check who is at the door before opening it, and do not open the door to an unexpected visitor.
- Do not advertise purchases—break down the boxes of big ticket items.
- If you have an auto alarm keep your keys by your bed at night. If you hear a noise or suspicious activity around your home press the panic button. The alarm will sound off until you turn it off.

- Don't hide extra keys in easily accessible places.
- Ask for photo identification of all repair persons. If you are suspicious, call to verify employment
- Never give personal information to telephone solicitors.
- Do not let strangers into your home or apartment to use the telephone.
- At dusk close shades and blinds
- Door to door solicitors must have a permit and be able to show it. Don't be afraid to say no.

Tips to reduce your chances of being a victim of a Robbery

On the street

- Be very careful using outside ATMs at night or in unfamiliar surroundings.
- When walking, walk in the middle of the sidewalk and walk facing oncoming traffic.
- Try not to overload yourself with packages or other items. Keep your hands as free as possible.
- Do not wear music headphones while walking or jogging.
- Do not read while walking or standing on a sidewalk.

- If you wear a purse with a shoulder strap, be prepared to let it go if snatched. Otherwise you could be knocked down and hurt.
- A good suggestion for men is to carry a second wallet containing a few dollar bills and old expired credit cards, which are normally destroyed or discarded. If confronted at knife or gun point, give the suspect the second wallet and concentrate on a good physical description to help the police in making the arrest.
- Avoid being on the street alone if you are upset or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- If you carry a purse, carry it close to your body, preferably in front. Carry no more money or credit cards than you absolutely need.

