

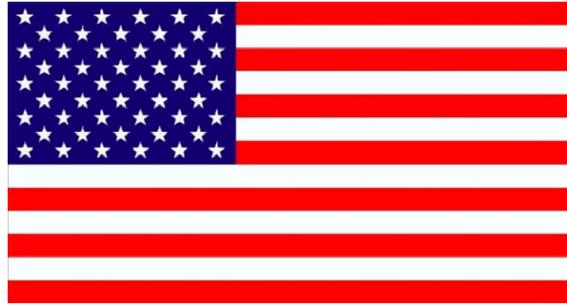
The Port St. Lucie Police Department has concern for your safety and the safety of your personal belongings.

If you were to walk out and check your vehicle at this moment would you answer "YES" to any one of these questions?

- 1) Are any one of your vehicle doors unlocked?
- 2) Are any of your vehicle windows left slightly or completely opened?
- 3) Are there any valuables sitting on your car seat or floor in plain view?
- 4) Is there a spare vehicle key, house key or garage door opener being stowed somewhere inside the vehicle?
- 5) Is your vehicle registration, which contains your name and current address, in the glove box or center console?

If you answered "YES" to any of the above questions you are leaving yourself vulnerable to becoming an auto burglary statistic. There are some basic methods which could easily be followed to prevent this crime from occurring.

This informational guide has been developed to promote your awareness regarding the safety of your personal belongings.



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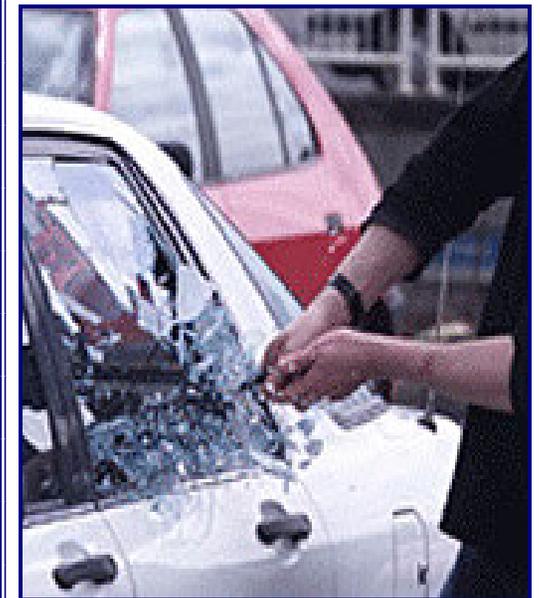
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AUTO BURGLARY PREVENTION



AN INFORMATIONAL GUIDE TO PREVENTION

WORKING TOGETHER FOR
A SAFER COMMUNITY

REMOVE IT, LOCK IT, OR LOSE IT!!!

WHY AUTO BURGLARIES ARE OCCURRING

Auto burglary is the nations most common occurring crime. This crime frequently occurs due to people making it entirely too easy and tempting for any burglar to pass up.

The fact of the matter is, the majority of reported auto burglaries, occur due to vehicles being left unsecured by the owners.

This unsafe practice, paired with leaving valuables in plain view, is a most enticing invitation for any burglar to take advantage of. It only takes a few seconds for a burglar to look into your vehicle, observe a desired item, enter your vehicle, steal the item and flee from the scene without being detected.

Most burglars possess the skill to enter a vehicle very quickly. Whether it be by smashing or prying a vehicles window or door, reaching into a vehicle through an opened window or by merely opening an unlocked door, this crime often occurs very quickly and often sight unseen.

However, with the practice of a few crime prevention techniques, you can reduce your risk of becoming a statistic to this "CRIME OF OPPORTUNITY".

PREVENTION STEPS YOU MUST PRACTICE

Auto burglaries are preventable crimes.

There are a few practices **YOU** must follow to prevent from becoming a victim.

Review, and continually practice the following prevention methods.

FOLLOW THIS SIMPLE ACRONYM:

"CLEAR IT"

- C** - Close all vehicle windows.
- L** - Lock all vehicle doors.
- E** - Eliminate all of your belongings from plain view.
- A** - Always take your vehicle keys.
- R** - Remove your garage door opener.

- I** - Inform everyone that an anti-theft device is in use by displaying an anti-theft sticker on all of the vehicle windows.
- T** - Take the time to re-check all of the above listed steps prior to leaving your vehicle.

If you have become the unfortunate victim of an auto burglary, immediately contact the Port St. Lucie Police Department to file a burglary report.

The introduction of new age electronic devices has afforded vehicle burglars a list of products to steal and peddle with virtual immunity.

Some of the more popular items being stolen are:

GPS navigational systems, guns, tools, IPOD's and IPHones, satellite radios, radar detectors, laptop computers, loose change, purses, wallets and digital cameras.



Make certain you record serial numbers and engrave all of your personal property. It is a very difficult task to recover these items without serial numbers or engraved markings.