



**Hamilton County
Sheriff's Office**



The information in this pamphlet lists some of the common items, methods and locations of thefts from automobiles. You may be a potential victim if you often leave valuable items in your vehicle or park in high risk areas. Reduce your chance of being a victim – become familiar with this information, and practice the behavior found on the deterrents list.

THEFTS FROM AUTOS

DID YOU KNOW...

- The majority of thefts from autos occur on Holidays, such as Christmas and Thanksgiving.
- The hours between 7 pm and 6 am account for the majority of vehicular burglaries in apartment complexes and single family residences.

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FOLLOW THESE SUGGESTIONS TO HELP DETER CRIMINALS:

- Take your keys out of your vehicle
- Lock your car
- Park in well-lit areas
- Park in attended lots
- Leave only the ignition/door key with the lot attendant
- Completely close car windows when parking
- Do not leave valuables in plain view (place items in your trunk if they must be left in the car)
- Use your garage
- Lock your garage door and the vehicle inside
- Engrave expensive accessories
- Use tire/wheel locks
- Install an audible alarm
- Take out removable radios and face plates
- Avoid parking between large vehicles (they provide cover)
- Do not approach your vehicle when a stranger is near it; call 911 or security for an escort



ITEMS TO AVOID LEAVING IN PLAIN VIEW:

- Cell Phones
- GPS Navigation Systems
- Charger Cords
- Antennas
- Pagers
- Sports Equipment (golf and baseball bags)
- Pods
- Cigarettes
- Weapons
- CDs/DVDs
- Briefcases
- Purses
- Wallets
- Radar Detectors
- Laptop Computers
- Removable Radios
- Clothing
- Money (loose change)
- Tools
- Work Equipment
- Credit Cards
- Console Visors



BE AWARE OF CRIMINALS' METHODS AND LOCATIONS:

ENTRY METHODS:

- Left unlocked
- Windows rolled down or half-rolled down
- Break glass
- Pried/jimmied
- Window vents
- Sliding windows (mainly trucks)
- Sunroofs
- Convertibles

MOST COMMON POINTS OF ENTRY:

- Side door
- Side and rear window

HIGH RISK AREAS:

- Single family residences
- Apartments
- Shopping Centers
- Restaurants
- Auto Parts/Dealers/Repair Shops
- Parks

SUSPICIOUS ACTIONS:

- Pulling door handles
- Looking in windows
- Odd clothing for the time of year (long coats or gloves worn in Summer)
- Lookouts
- Nervous looking
- Checking for alarms by bumping or hitting the window or bumpers for sensitivity