

Preventing theft from your vehicle.

On occasion, particularly during favorable weather, unsavory people will wander through the community, or parking lots and look for parked cars that have unlocked doors. They will then rummage through the car and steal things such as CD's, GPS, DVD's, sunglasses, loose change, phones, game players.

Don't leave personal identification, original vehicle registration or financial cards inside your car.

Remove valuables and shopping bags from view, including loose change.

Never leave your car running while unattended.

Always lock the doors

Never leave your car or house keys inside your vehicle.

If possible, park in well lit areas with pedestrian traffic.

Consider that if you keep an automatic garage door opener in your unlocked car, that thieves will be able to gain access to the interior of your garage.

I'm aware that there are some people choose to keep their car door unlocked, figuring that if the door is locked, the thief will smash a window to gain access.

Ask yourself if a thief would smash a car window to gain access to the interior of a car that appears to be completely void of anything valuable? Smashing a window risks the thief getting caught. The goal is that the potential thief will bypass your vehicle and move on to the next one, hoping to find a car with an unlocked door.

If you notice people checking car door handles or peering in car windows, don't hesitate to report your observations to the police by calling 613-230-6211 or 911 if you observe a crime in progress.

Sometimes home owners forget to close their garage doors when they retire for the evening, so it is certainly a good idea to double check that it is closed.

If you are a victim of having had someone steal items from inside your car, it is very important that the incident is reported to police. Reports from community members help us to identify problem areas, track follow ups and deploy our resources appropriately. A report can be easily made by phone, by calling 613-236-1222 ext. 7300.