

# Theft from Auto Prevention Tips

- **The BEST prevention tip is: DO NOT leave valuables in your vehicle.**
- Always lock your doors and close your windows.
- If you leave personal property in your vehicle make sure it is out of view.
- **Do not** leave garage door openers in an unlocked car—is provides criminals easy access into your garage and often to your home if you have an attached garage.
- Make an extra stop before arriving at your destination, to lock valuables in your trunk (if you must leave them in your car).
- Remove all add-on radios, CD players, cellphones, navigation devices (including any portable mounts).
- Park in well lit areas or in areas visible to pedestrian and vehicle traffic.
- If you have an alarm, use it.
- Be wary when parking in places like movie theaters, gyms, or churches—thieves know how long you'll be gone.
- Keep a record of the serial number for all of your valuables.
- Watch for suspicious persons. If you see any, call 9-1-1 and report them.
- When reporting suspicious activity be as specific as possible. **WHENEVER IT IS SAFE** to do so, try to get a description of travel, and vehicle information (license number, color, make model).

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