Do Your Part to Prevent Vehicle Crimes

Common Items Stolen From Vehicles

- CDs
- Tools
- Purses
- Laptops
- Briefcases
- Glasses
- Stereos
- Checkbooks
- Credit Cards
- GPS units
- Change or cash
- Cell Phones

Always secure your vehicle
Never leave valuables in plain sight
Report ALL suspicious behavior and crimes
Never leave children or animals unattended in a vehicle

Vehicle Crime Prevention:
Secure, Conceal, & Call

Setting the Standard for Service

THE UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS
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**Secure the Vehicle**

Locking all doors, securing all windows, the sunroof, & closing the convertible top every time you park reduces opportunities.

Consider installing a car alarm or obtaining other security devices. If you have one, USE IT every time you park.

Don’t store spare keys in or on the vehicle.

Car stereos are often targets. If yours has a detachable faceplate, or other security features, use them. Remember, don’t leave the faceplate in the vehicle.

NEVER leave children or animals unattended in a vehicle.

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**Never Leave Valuables in Plain Sight**

Do your part to help the University reduce thefts from vehicles. Securing all personal items and valuables out of sight in a vehicle can greatly reduce the chances of your vehicle being targeted for a crime.

Don’t let criminals window shop by leaving your things in plain view, enticing them to break in and grab what they see.

Place property in the trunk before getting to your next destination if possible. Use the glove box and storage compartments. Try to limit the amount of valuables in your vehicle overall.

Don’t try to hide things under the seat or to cover them with blankets or clothes in the seat or floorboard.

Don’t leave important documents with personal information in the vehicle.

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**Suspicious Behavior**

Being alert to your surroundings and noticing the behavior of others is the first step in preventing any crime. If you witness any persons or acts that make you uncomfortable or suspicious, call Police Services immediately.

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Don’t be distracted by cell phones, mp3 players, et al, while going to and from your vehicle. Stay alert.

If your car is broken into or stolen, notify Police Services immediately. We’ll need to know when and where you parked, a description of the vehicle (year, make, model, license or VIN numbers), a list of valuables in the vehicle (including estimated value and serial numbers if possible), and any suspect or witness information. It’s best not to touch anything before an officer arrives, allowing us a better opportunity to gather evidence.