



Crime Prevention Tips

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Thefts from Vehicles

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office wants to work with you to prevent criminal activity. Thefts from motor vehicles are crimes in which thieves take valuables from parked cars, *usually without stealing the cars*. These can frequently be prevented. Here are some tips that may prevent you from becoming a victim:

- **Always completely roll up your windows and lock your vehicle doors when parked.** Don't be an easy target. Breaking in to vehicles quietly takes longer, and smashing a window makes noise, both of which may attract attention.
- **Remove valuables when parking for long periods.** Parking overnight at home or in parking lots for long periods, such as at the airport, at sporting events, when out for dinner and a movie, are when thieves have the longest opportunity to strike.
- **Hide valuables when parking for short periods.** When parking while running errands, packages and bags with store logos can be inviting targets. Secure them in the trunk or cover them.
- **Put vehicle accessories like handicapped parking placards, GPS units, satellite radios, and radar detectors in the glove box or console when you park the vehicle for long periods.** These items are frequent targets for thieves.
- **Whenever possible, park your vehicle(s) in a closed and locked garage.**
- **If garage parking is not possible, park in your driveway or in a well lit lot or area.** Consider motion lights aimed at your driveway to deter thieves and provide extra safety as you enter and exit your vehicles at night. Well lit areas on a street or in a lot are better than darkened areas.
- **Report all suspicious persons and activities to the Sheriff's Office immediately.** People trying door handles, looking into parked cars, etc. should be reported.

If you have any questions, contact Deputy Brian McKnight at (720) 874-3750 or via e-mail at bmcknight@arapahoegov.com .

**To report a crime, call the
Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office at
(303)-795-4711 or 911 for emergencies**