



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. *These crimes can be prevented.* Here are a few safety tips that will help prevent you from becoming a victim:

- **Always roll up your windows and lock your vehicle doors when parked.**
- **Remove valuables when parking for long periods of time.** Parking overnight at home or in parking lots for long periods of time such as at the airport, at sporting events, or when out for dinner and a movie, are when thieves have the longest opportunity to strike.
- **Hide valuables.** When parking while running errands, packages and bags with store logos can be inviting targets. Secure them in the trunk or cover them.
- **Take vehicle accessories like handicapped parking placards, radar detectors, and stereo face plates with you when you park your vehicle.** Thieves know to look in your glove box and center console for these items.
- **Whenever possible, park your vehicle in a closed and locked garage or in a well-lit area.** Proper lighting will deter most thieves while helping you safely enter and exit your vehicle at night.
- **Lock your vehicle doors and remove personal belongings even when parking in a secured garage or gated parking structure.** Most people believe that it's safe to leave their valuables in their vehicle when parked in a garage or parking structure. Thieves are counting on you to do just that!
- **Remove documents with personally identifying information.** Do you have receipts in your vehicle with your name, address and phone number? Don't provide your information to criminals.
- **Remove your garage door opener when parked away from or outside of your home.** Thieves have been known to steal your garage opener and registration or receipts with your home address and then return at a later time to burglarize your home.
- **Report all suspicious persons and activities to the Sheriff's Office immediately.** People trying door handles, looking into parked cars, etc., need to be reported.

For additional crime tips or for more information please contact the Community Resources Unit
at 720-874-4040, 720-874-3750 or go to arapahoesherriff.org.

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