

DON'T BE A VICTIM

Cut out this portion of the flier and place it in your car or on your refrigerator for a helpful reminder to lock your car or what to do if you unfortunately become a victim of a car break in.



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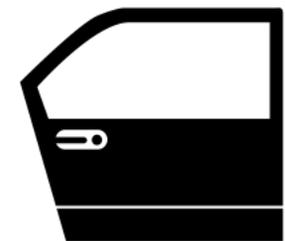
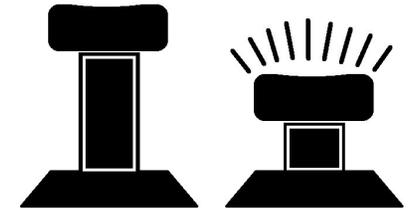
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**LOCK IT
OR
LOSE IT!**



**How to prevent
car break ins.**



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**SECONDS for a THIEF
to break into &
STEAL your valuables**

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**SECONDS for YOU
to HIDE your valuables
in YOUR trunk**

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**SECOND for
YOU to LOCK
your CAR**

CAR B&E FACTS

An estimated **\$1.2 billion** in property is taken from car break-ins every year.

An estimated **1.85 million** car break-ins are reported every year.

On average, it takes less than **30 seconds** for a thief to break in a car and steal valuables.

WHAT TO DO WHEN...

When you go shopping,

- Don't leave valuables or bags out in the open.
- Lock bags and valuables in the trunk or take them with you.
- Take or hide charging cords; thieves see cords as a clue that other electronics may be inside the vehicle.

When you get home,

- Lock your car before going inside.
- Take your valuables inside your home.
- If you can park your car in the garage.

AFTERMATH

Though law enforcement officers work diligently to prevent car break-ins, it can happen. Here are five potential steps you can take if your car has been broken into:

- Call the police.
- Don't touch anything.
- Take photos.
- Take a visual inventory of what you think is missing.
- Follow up with police, if necessary.
- Take extra home security precautions, if necessary.



DON'T BE AN "EASY TARGET"

Car thieves like to "grab and go". Thieves will take things you may believe are worthless. Car thieves typically target the following:

- Purses and/or Wallets
- Laptops, iPads, tablets, etc.
- Carrying cases
- Cell Phones & Chargers/cords
- Guns and/or knives
- Portable DVD Players
- Loose change
- Radar Detectors
- Radios/Satellite Radio Receivers
- Children's toys or books
- DVD's & CD's
- Garage door openers



REPORT IT

Report suspicious activity such as someone walking down your street or in parking lots, peering into vehicles.

Your call might help police catch someone who's been breaking into cars all over town.