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Most vehicle crime is opportunistic and can be prevented. By following some straightforward advice and working together as a community, this type of crime can be reduced.

Here are a few tips on what you can do to prevent these types of crimes.

- > **Remove ALL valuables and personal items, including loose change and cell phone cords.** Never leave anything on display. Remember, if they can see it, they will steal it.
- > **Never leave a spare set of keys or a garage door opener in your vehicle.**
- > **Lock your doors and close all windows each time you leave your vehicle.**
- > **Consider using a steering lock as an extra measure of security.** A vehicle that is well secured has a tendency to deter criminals. A steering wheel lock will also deter theft of your vehicle.
- > **Consider installing a security alarm.** Alarms can deter thieves not only from stealing items from your vehicle, but also from stealing your vehicle.
- > **If you have a garage, park your vehicle in it.** When parking at home, always use your garage if you have one, and lock both your vehicle and your garage. If you don't have a garage, try to park in a well-lit, open place.

Other important tips

- > Routinely check your vehicle for your licence plate to ensure that it has not been stolen or swapped for a different plate.
- > Consider installing licence plate lock screws to deter theft. These can be found at your local Police Division or hardware store.

Who We Are

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