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- Loose Change
- Mobile Phones
- Shopping Bags











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### STOW IT









## Don't Show It!

Did you know that thefts from vehicles represent a large percentage of property crimes reported in Memphis?

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# Thefts from vehicles can be prevented! Don't Be a Victim!

#### **Secure Your Vehicle**

CarBurglars will seize the opportunity to enter unlocked vehicles. Don't make your car an easy target by leaving your cardoors unlocked.

- Always lock your doors.
- Spare car keys should not be stored in or on your car; thieves know where to look.
- Don't forgetto close windows and sunroofs.
- Never leave children or pets unattended in the vehicle.
- · Park in a well-lit parking area.
- Consider installing a caralarm or security device and place anti-theft stickers on your vehicle.

#### **Don't Leave Valuables In View**

Take extra precautions to avoid a criminal window-shopping inside yourcar. Never give thieves a reason to break into your vehicle and steal your belongings.





- Place any property in the trunk before you get to your next destination.
- Do not leave possessions on the passenger seat.
- Never hide expensive possessions under the seat as this is the first place burglars check for stored items.
- Neverattempt to cover valuable items left on the seat or floorboard of your car;
   blankets and articles of clothing present a hidden clue to thieves that items may be underneath.
- Do not leave any important documents in your car that contain your personal information.

### **Shopping Tips**

Don't let busy shopping habits leave you vulnerable to theft and other crimes of opportunity.

- Always stay alert to your surroundings.
- Neverdistractyourselfbyplacingbelongings in your vehicle while talking on the cell phone.
- Do not make unnecessary trips to put away packages inside your vehicle. Remember, you may not see a criminal but a criminal always sees you.
- Never use the excuse, "I'll only be gone a fewminutes", to not secure your belongings and lock your doors.





If your car is broken into or stolen, notify the police immediately. Be prepared to give the following information:

- · Date, time and location of the crime
- Vehicle description to include the year, make, model, license plate and/or VIN number.
- · List of valuable items inside your vehicle.
- · Any suspect or witness information.

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