

## Secure Your Vehicle

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

- Always lock your doors.
- Spare car keys should not be stored in or on your car; thieves know where to look.
- Don't forget to close windows and sunroofs.
- Never leave children or pets unattended in the vehicle.
- Park in a well-lit, well-observed and well-traveled parking area.
- Consider installing a car alarm or security device and place anti-theft stickers on your vehicle.
- Use your garage—lock your vehicle and the garage door.
- Consider installing a motion sensor light where you park your vehicle.
- Never leave your car running or the keys in the ignition when you are away from it, even for “just a minute”.
- If you plan on leaving your garage door open lock your vehicle and secure any firearms when entering your home.

## Don't Leave Valuables in View

Take extra precautions to avoid a criminal window-shopping inside your car. 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.
- Never attempt 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 (including car registrations).
- Never leave your firearms in your vehicle overnight, secured or unsecured.
- If you have to store your firearm, make sure it is secured in the trunk in a lockbox or car safe.

## Common Items Stolen From Vehicles

- Firearms
- Ammo
- Purses
- Laptops
- Briefcases
- Backpacks
- Sunglasses
- Car stereos
- Checkbooks
- Credit Cards/Debit
- GPS Devices
- Loose change
- Cell phones
- Shopping bags
- Sports equipment
- Tools

## Firearms in Vehicles

Remove decals that advertise which guns you possess.

Safe and secure storage of your firearm is one of the most important responsibilities of firearms ownership.

Safely storing your firearms protects you, your family, and your community. We can all play a role in preventing thefts of firearms, unintentional injuries, accidental shootings, and other gun related incidents.

If your firearm is stolen from your vehicle call your local law enforcement authorities to report it. (865) 215-7268

Remember to LOOK, LOCK, LEAVE, the more time the thief is forced to take to steal a car or anything in it, the more likely he/she is likely to get caught.

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 **LEAVE.** 

**Emergency**  
911

**Non-Emergency**  
865-215-4010

**Anonymous Hotline**  
865-215-7212

**Crime Stoppers**  
865-215-7165

**Stolen Firearms**  
865-215-7268



**Contact:**  
**Knoxville Police Department**  
**865.215.7000**

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**LOOK, LOCK,  
LEAVE**

