



Crime Prevention Tip of the Day: Reduce the Risk of Car Break-ins (VIDEO)

This video was provided to Hoover PD by a homeowner earlier this summer, and gives some crucial insight as to how these types of criminals operate. Below are some common themes and what happens to victims in the VAST MAJORITY of car break-ins. We have all heard these things before, and it really is this simple.

See the video on our Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/HooverPD/videos/1168249186566166/>

As a general rule, a thief will not break into a vehicle on the “chance” that something worth stealing “might” be inside. They use their eyes first. Can they see anything inside? If the answer is NO, then they move on to the next house like you see in the video. If the answer is YES, they then lift up on the door handle to get in. Rarely will they “break” the window or “jimmy the door”. Why? This will set off the alarm and it makes noise/creates attention. They don’t want noise and attention as this will lead to someone seeing them and calling Police.

Avoid being a victim!

- Don’t leave ANYTHING in plain view.
- Take your items with you. At the very least, hide them in the trunk. (Remember, thieves place value on things that we don’t necessarily think about: change in cup holder, sunglasses, other little things lying around.)
- LOCK your doors and make sure the alarm is activated.

Is it really that simple? Yes, it is, and this video proves that. LOCK, HIDE, TAKE!

See more ways to prevent Residential Vehicle Break-ins on our website:

<http://www.hooverpd.com/crime-prevention.php>

If you recognize the person in the video, contact Detective James Hester at (205) 444-7580.

See these other related tips on the Crime Prevention page:

Residential Vehicle Break-Ins

Exterior Lighting and Car Break-Ins