



Residential Vehicle Break-Ins

Most residential car break-ins occur during the overnight hours. The vast majority of these “break-ins” are the result of UNLOCKED vehicle doors. These are of crimes of opportunity! This type of criminal simply walks through the neighborhood lifting up on car door handles. If the doors are locked, then there is an excellent chance they move on without breaking in.

We all need to do our part!

1. **TAKE** your valuables with you. (Especially firearms.) Don’t leave anything in plain view.
2. **LOCK** the DOORS! Statistics show that it really does make a difference.
3. **PARK** inside if you can. Keep garage doors closed and locked.
4. **LIGHTS**. If you park on the street or in the driveway, make sure the exterior lights shine on the vehicles. LED lighting is brighter and more cost efficient. Utilize the dusk-to-dawn or motion activated settings.
5. **VIDEO**. If a break-in occurs, video surveillance aids Police in the investigative phase.
6. **SERIAL NUMBERS**. Write down all makes/models/serial numbers for electronics, phones, firearms, etc. This helps Police to recover your property and possibly make an arrest.
7. **REPORT** Suspicious Activity. If you see someone looking into vehicles, lifting up on door handles, casing the neighborhood, or anything similar: CALL US! Dispatch 911 or 205-822-5300.

Don’t make the mistake of thinking that just because you live in a low crime neighborhood, you can leave items in your car or leave doors unlocked. STAY VIGILANT and call us if you need us. For more Crime Prevention information, visit our site at <http://www.hooverpd.com/crime-prevention.php>