

Follow these suggestions to help stop vehicle burglaries

- Don't leave valuables in plain view.
- Take your keys out.
- Lock your car.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Park in attended lots.
- Leave only ignition/door key with lot attendants.
- Completely close car windows.
- Use your garage to park vehicles at home.
- Lock garage door and vehicle.
- Replace T-shaped door locks with straight locks.
- Engrave expensive accessories with driver's license number.
- Use tire and wheel locks.
- Install an audible alarm.
- Take out removable sound systems.
- Avoid parking between large vehicles.
- Do not approach your vehicle when a stranger is near. Call 911 or security.



FORT WORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME PREVENTION

Crime Prevention Begins with You

- Call the Fort Worth Police Department to request a free home security evaluation.
- Organize and participate in Neighborhood Crime Watch or Citizens on Patrol – Code Blue.



- Mark your property with your driver's license number, following this example: TX000000000DL.

For more information, call the Crime Prevention Specialist serving your area:

Central Division: 817-392-3997

East Division:817-392-5520

North Division:682-225-0517

Northwest Division: 817-392-3537

South Division:817-392-3405

West Division: 817-991-8476



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Preventing Vehicle Burglaries



Emergency 911

Non-emergency 817-392-4222



Did you know...

- Vehicle burglaries occur most often in business parking lots, in residential driveways and on public streets.
- The hours between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. are when most burglaries take place.

Avoid leaving these items in view

Briefcases

Phones, computers and electronics

Cigarettes

Clothing

Cash and credit cards

Purses and wallets

Weapons

Removable stereo systems

GPS systems

Sports equipment

Gym bag

Diaper bag

Cell phone/electronics

Garage door opener

Be aware of burglary methods and locations

Entry methods:

- Unlocked door
- Break glass
- Door or window pried/jimmied
- Open windows
- Sliding windows
- Sunroofs
- Convertibles

Most common points of entry:

- Unlocked door
- Side and rear window
- Side door

High-risk areas:

- Apartments
- Driveways
- Parking garages
- Hotels
- Auto parts/dealers/repair shops
- Shopping centers
- Restaurants
- Parks
- Bar parking lots
- Areas with little or no lighting
- Gyms/fitness centers

Suspicious actions:

- Pulling door handles
- Looking into windows
- Odd clothing for the time of year (for example, long coats and gloves in summer)
- Lookouts and loitering
- Checking for alarms by bumping or hitting windows or bumpers

What is a vehicle burglary?

According to State of Texas Penal Code: 30.04

- A. A person commits an offense if, without the effective consent of the owner, he breaks into or enters a vehicle or any part of a vehicle with intent to commit any felony or theft.
- B. For the purpose of this section, “enter” means to intrude
 1. Any part of the body or
 2. Any physical object connected with the body.
 3. An offense under this section is a Class A Misdemeanor.