

Theft From Motor Vehicle Is A Crime Of Opportunity

While in the gym, going for a jog, at work or just stopping for dinner – safely store work and/or personal electronics, (especially laptop computers and briefcases) and other personal belongings (purse, wallet, and jewelry).

PUT YOUR JUNK IN YOUR TRUNK before you arrive at your destination.

Please, do not leave any of these items in the passenger compartment of your vehicle...EVER

Do not think you are fooling anyone by tucking your belongings under a seat, blanket, or a coat

Do not leave valuables in the glove box or center storage. **TAKE YOUR KEY FOB WITH YOU.**

It takes a thief just a few seconds to break a window or manipulate a lock to steal your valuables.

Even if YOU do not think it is worth much (loose change or a shopping bag) a thief sees an opportunity.

Is it worth a broken window, damage to your vehicle or the insurance hassle?



Remove the temptation and reduce the opportunity

DO NOT leave ANY items in your vehicle

Lock your doors; even in a secured parking garage – know where your key/FOB is at all times

Never leave your vehicle “warming up” with the keys in the ignition – it IS illegal; thieves will view a running car as a personal invitation

Park in well lit, well traveled areas

Keep an electronics inventory list with serial numbers in a safe location (not stored in any electronic devices). Your smart phone has its own fingerprint called an IMEI. Locate the IMEI in your “settings” Snap a picture of it, then send it to your email; keep a copy of the screen photo with your inventory list. Recovered items will not be returned to you without proper documentation and a corresponding police report.

FILE A POLICE REPORT - Call 911 if the thief has left behind evidence or call 311 or go to <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/index.htm> to file a theft report



PLEASE remember, Theft from Motor Vehicle is the crime of opportunity – DO NOT provide the opportunity