

# Vehicle Burglary Prevention

Oceanside Police Department

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## Crime Alert

There has been a recent increase in vehicle burglaries in the city of Oceanside. Vehicles being targeted have been ones that are unsecured and with valuables and personal items in plain sight. Vehicle burglary prevention, like all crime prevention, can be done by removing the opportunity for criminals to break in to your vehicle.

Please take the time to protect your property and help us reduce the incidents of vehicle burglary in Oceanside.

With a little time and diligence, you can make a difference by reducing your vulnerability to vehicle burglary!

## This is what your car looks like to a thief:



In **30 seconds** a thief can break into your car and steal your valuables. It takes **20 seconds** to remove your valuables or put them out of sight!

## Vehicle Self Assessment

|                                 | Yes                      | No                       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Doors Locked.....               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Windows Up.....                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Keys Removed.....               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Alarm Activated.....            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Valuables Removed.....          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Personal Items Removed.....     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Portable Devices Removed.....   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Club in place.....              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No change in plain sight.....   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Park in well-lit area.....      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Park in high-traffic area.....  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Park in garage if possible..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## Auto Burglary Prevention Tips:

- ✓ Do not leave ANY personal or valuable items inside the vehicle. Removable stereo systems and GPS navigation devices (dashboard or windshield mounted) should never be left in a vehicle.
- ✓ If you must leave items in a vehicle, place them out of sight.
- ✓ Lock all valuables inside the trunk before arriving at your destination.
- ✓ Coins should not be placed in sight in the vehicle.
- ✓ When you park, look for spots in well-lighted and well-travelled areas.
- ✓ Lock the doors and roll the windows up.
- ✓ If you have an alarm system, use it. Alarms can be used as an additional deterrence.
- ✓ Even a locked vehicle can be burglarized therefore reduce the likelihood of your vehicle from being targeted by removing all items from plain sight.

Call the police if you see anyone suspicious around vehicles or if you see someone tampering with a vehicle. Immediately report break-ins and thefts to the Oceanside Police Department.

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**Non-Emergency (760)435-4900**

For additional crime prevention tips contact the Crime Prevention Unit (760)435-4543