

# PREVENTION IS KEY

The simplest and most cost-effective way to stop potential thieves is to lock your vehicle and remove all valuables from sight. The majority of thefts are from unsecured motor vehicles. Leaving doors unlocked, windows cracked open or sun-roofs unlatched with valuables in plain sight is an open invitation to any thief.

In order to reduce the number of motor vehicle thefts and burglaries in Fayetteville, the Fayetteville Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit would like to share both preventative tips and advice on what to do after a burglary has occurred.

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A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY**



## AUTO THEFT & BURGLARY PREVENTION



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## VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION

- **Never leave your vehicle running and unattended**, even in your driveway. Pickup trucks and vehicles with soft tops are especially vulnerable to thefts.
- **Never store items in the bed of your vehicle.** Whether it be a pickup truck, convertible or jeep unless in a locked box or, glove compartment.
- **Gym bags and military uniforms attract thieves** because thieves believe your wallet, with cash, credit cards and ID, is in the vehicle.
- **Lock your vehicle at all times and roll up your windows completely.**
- **Never hide a spare key in or on the vehicle.**
- **Remove all valuables** from your vehicle and **never keep a firearm in the vehicle.**
- **Secure purchased items inside your trunk**, where they cannot be seen.
- **Invest in an alarm system or kill switch.** Park in a well lit area.
- **Park as close as possible to an open business.** If you have a garage, use it, and always lock the garage door.

## MOTORCYCLE THEFT PREVENTION

- **Invest in a durable lock of some sort.** Using a disc brake prevents your bike from moving at all. You can use the disc brake lock in conjunction with a fork lock or replace that option entirely.
- **Install a kill switch.** Use the kill switch to shut off your bike instead of using the key. And if possible, use a hidden kill switch to enhance your motorcycle security.
- **Install a GPS tracker.** Installing a permanent, hidden GPS device on your motorbike could mean that the police will track it down in minutes instead of days, weeks or never.
- **Park your bike in a garage** Park your bike in a secure area. To go a step further, consider installing security camera in the garage. If you must leave your motorcycle outside, use a cover. Few will risk blind theft.
- **Take photos of your motorcycle.** In the event it is stolen it may assist investigators, especially if your motorcycle is highly customized.
- **Purchasing a motorcycle alarm system.** Do not let your bike go quietly.

## IF YOUR VEHICLE IS BROKEN INTO

- **Call 911 Immediately!** Follow the instructions the 911 call taker gives you. File a police report.
- **Do not enter or touch your vehicle until the Officer arrives.** The thief may have left evidence behind that needs to remain untampered with.
- **If there are any security cameras nearby,** it's important that you mention this to the police.
- After a police officer has arrived and gathered everything that they need. **Take pictures of all damage, both inside and out.** Then, decide whether to file a claim with your auto insurance company.
- **Make a list of everything that was stolen and locate proof of ownership of your stolen items.**
- **If you think the break-in might result in identity theft,** such as in the case that any identification or credit/debt cards were stolen, be sure to immediately contact your credit card holders, banks, lenders, and any other businesses or agencies that might be affected. Additionally, of course, replace your driver's license, Social Security card, and all other necessary documents that have been stolen as soon as possible.