

If they can **see** it...

They can **steal** it!

HIDE IT.

LOCK IT.

SECURE IT.



UNATTENDED VALUABLES IN YOUR VEHICLE IS JUST THE OPPORTUNITY A THIEF IS LOOKING FOR...

INFORMATION REQUESTED WHEN REPORTING A SUSPICIOUS SITUATION

⇒DESCRIPTION of PERSON:

- age
- race
- sex
- height & weight
- clothing
- other distinguishing characteristics (facial hair, tattoos, glasses, etc.)

⇒DESCRIPTION of VEHICLE:

- license number
- make
- model
- color
- other distinguishing characteristics (damage, dirty, etc.)

⇒WHAT OCCURRED:

provide as detailed an account as possible of the incident

⇒LOCATION:

provide specific street numbers when possible, or tell dispatch where you will meet an officer

Prevent Theft From Vehicles



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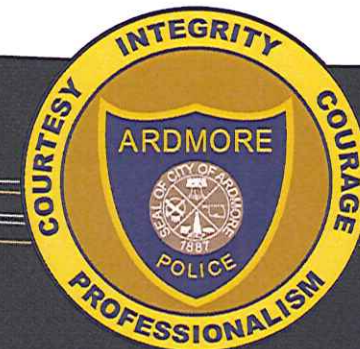


ARDMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Second Floor
Ardmore City Hall
23 South Washington
Ardmore, Oklahoma 73401

non-emergency 223-1212
Ardmore CrimeStoppers 580-504-4LAW

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911



ARDMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT
ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA

FREQUENTLY STOLEN ITEMS

- G.P.S. DEVICES
- CELL PHONES
- MONEY
- BRIEFCASES
- FIREARMS
- PURSES
- WALLETS
- NOTEBOOK COMPUTERS
- SPORTING EQUIPMENT

THEFT FROM VEHICLES

Many residents and visitors to Ardmore are victims of the growing problem of theft of property from vehicles, and in some cases the theft of parts of vehicles (tires, mirrors, tailgates, etc.)

The vast majority of these thefts are preventable. Here are some recommendations to reduce the chance that the thief will choose your vehicle.

LOCK YOUR DOORS AND CLOSE WINDOWS COMPLETELY

An open door or window is an invitation to take any property in your vehicle.

REMOVE VALUABLES OR LOCK THEM IN THE TRUNK OUT OF SIGHT

Leaving valuables in plain sight is just the opportunity a thief is looking for.

DON'T LEAVE **ELECTRONICS VISIBLE** OR ACCESSORIES, EITHER!

A cigarette lighter plug or GPS mounting bracket are tell-tale signs there are valuables in the car.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS PERSONS

If you observe activity which may be criminal in nature, immediately report it to the police. This includes people loitering around cars that do not belong to them.

DON'T LEAVE MONEY IN YOUR VEHICLE

A thief will break into your vehicle even for a small amount of change!

DON'T HIDE A KEY ON YOUR VEHICLE

A thief could see you hide it, and then use your key to gain entry into your vehicle.

PARK IN YOUR GARAGE

IF YOU HAVE ONE

If you have a garage at your house, use it! If a thief cannot get to your car, he can't break into it. There have also been cases where a thief removes a garage door opener from an unlocked vehicle and then enters the home... BE SMART!



RECORD SERIAL NUMBERS

OF ANY EQUIPMENT YOU INSTALL

This will assist the police in investigating the theft and will help in recovering your property. (The "Operation Identification" program, which includes engraving all theft-prone items with your driver's license number is also suggested. www.opid.org)

PARK IN WELL-LIGHTED AREAS

If a thief believes he may be caught, he is less likely to take the chance of targeting your vehicle.

INSTALL AN ANTI-THEFT DEVICE

WITH A VISIBLE INDICATOR

A flashing light or stickers informing a thief of a device may be enough to deter a potential thief from selecting your vehicle.

INSTALL "TAPERED" DOOR LOCKS

A door lock that does not have a "head" that can be pulled up by a coat hanger.

STEPS TO TAKE IF YOUR VEHICLE HAS BEEN BROKEN INTO:

- Try not to touch the vehicle (fingerprints may have been left by the perpetrator).
- Try to recall all items which were stolen.
- Call Ardmore Police at 223-1212 to report the crime and request an officer.
- If an officer is dispatched to your location, please wait for his/her arrival.

