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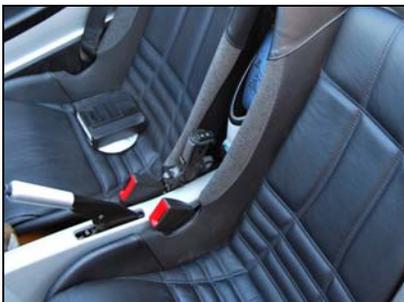
THEFT FROM VEHICLE IS A “CRIME OF OPPORTUNITY”

Don't Tempt a Thief by not Securing Your Valuables

Thieves look for opportunities to steal items from vehicles in large unattended parking lots, parking garages, during concerts/sporting events on secluded streets and at public “Park and Ride” lots. **Don't be a Victim!**



Don't leave valuables in plain view your car. It sounds like “common sense” but when items of value are left in plain view it makes your vehicle an easy target to a thief. Also, be sure to lock your vehicle and secure windows and sunroofs. This will deter thieves from targeting your vehicle.



Storing a firearm in your vehicle is very dangerous. Leaving one in plain view can be deadly! The best advice is to **never** leave a firearm in your vehicle.



Park your vehicle in well lit areas for your own safety. If you must leave valuables in your car, secure them out of sight before reaching your destination. If your vehicle is equipped with an anti-theft device, **use it!** It can be a deterrent. A thief looks for the easiest target with the least resistance.

ITEMS MOST COMMONLY STOLEN FROM VEHICLES

- Backpacks, gym bags, briefcases
- Cash/coins, credit cards, checkbooks
- Wallets, purses
- Laptops, iPads/ iPods, MP3 players
- Cell phones/Chargers, docking stations
- Portable GPS Navigation Systems
- Jewelry, keys, mail (identify owner)
- Garage door openers
- Firearms

If you see suspicious person(s) lurking around unattended vehicles call 911

DON'T BE A VICTIM! It takes less than **30 seconds** for a thief to break in your vehicle and steal your valuables...It takes **20 seconds** for you to secure your valuables.

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“REMOVE IT OR LOSE IT!”

Pittsburgh Bureau of Police Anti-Theft Campaign