

The Oxnard Police Department offers a variety of information on crime prevention. We have various services available to the public:

- Security surveys for your home and office.
- Robbery Prevention surveys and training for your business.
- Burglary prevention tips and training.
- Fraud, Forgery and Identity Theft protection.

Visit [www.OxnardPD.org](http://www.OxnardPD.org) for more information.

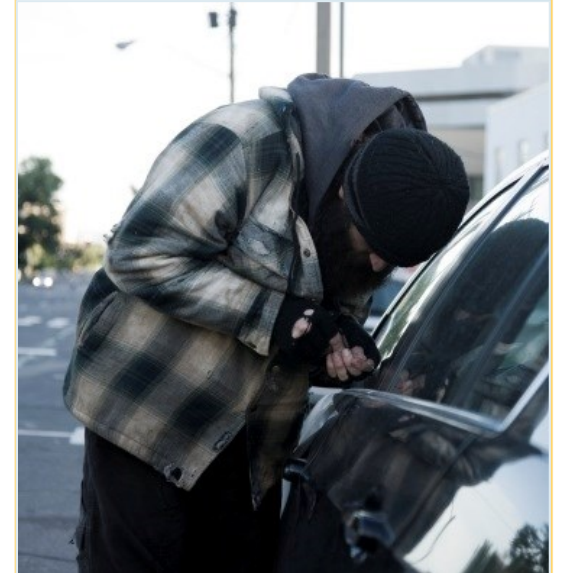


## ***Crime Prevention is Everyone's Business!***

***“Protecting Our  
Community With  
Exceptional Service.”***



## **VEHICLE SECURITY**



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## YOU CAN PREVENT AUTO THEFT!

The majority of vehicles are taken by amateur thieves and this can easily be prevented. Protect your vehicle against this type of crime with the following tips:

### REMEMBER TO SECURE YOUR VEHICLE!

- An unlocked car is an invitation to a thief. Lock your vehicle when leaving it and take the keys.
- Close all of the windows - thieves have tools they can use to open vehicles through the smallest of openings.
- Ensure that the windows and the vents are closed well.
- When parking your vehicle, take out your cell phones, stereos and other valuable items. Do not leave wrapped gifts or cameras on the seats. Place valuable items in the trunk or take them with you.
- Lock your vehicle even if you only make a brief stop at a gas station, store or mall.

### PARK CAREFULLY

- Do not leave your car in a public parking lot without a security guard for an extended period of time. It is five times more likely for a vehicle to be stolen from a parking lot without a guard than from the street or a parking lot with a guard.

- If possible, park your car in a parking lot where you don't have to leave the keys.
- Never put a label with your name and address on your keyring. If your keys are lost or stolen, a thief will know your address. If you have to leave your keys with a valet, leave only the ignition key.
- At night, park in well-lit areas and where people congregate.
- Turn the wheels toward the curb when parking. This makes it more difficult for thieves to tow your vehicle.

### IDENTIFY YOUR PROPERTY

- Use an engraver to mark your property with your driver's license number (preceded by the letters "CA") or other Owner Applied Number (OAN).
- Write down the VIN number of your vehicle (located on a metal plate on the dashboard of the newer cars) and put it in a safe place.
- Keep your registration in your wallet or purse, not in the car.

### USE ANTI-THEFT DEVICES

- When you buy a car, check the manufacturer's list of anti-theft options available for installation.
- Consider the purchase and installation of safety mechanisms, such as:

- ◇ Second ignition switch or "kill switch" to prevent the electrical current from reaching the battery,
- ◇ Fuel "cut-off switch" to prevent fuel from reaching the carburetor,
- ◇ LoJack or
- ◇ A steering wheel lock (i.e. The Club).
- Do not leave your keys in your car, on or off. If your car is left to warm up: stay with your car. Your car can be taken easily if you're not there to look after it.
- 25% of auto theft is attributed to vehicles being left on and left alone.
- A majority of cars stolen are from in front of the owner's own home.
- Do not leave your garage door opener in your vehicle. It can be stolen and used to return and enter your house.

