



Boston Police

DEPARTMENT

Motor Vehicle Larceny

Motor Vehicle Larceny is a crime of opportunity. Most offenders are looking for a quick and easy target so they can commit their crimes as quick and quietly as possible. Although you may have your doors locked at car alarm set; your motor vehicle could still be considered an “easy target.” If you leave any items of value in your motor vehicle then you are making your car more appealing to a car thief. If you remove items of value, you’ll lower your risk of becoming victimized.

Please read the tips below and share with your friends and neighbors:

- Always lock your motor vehicle; and park your motor vehicle in a well-lit area (if possible). If you have an alarm, use it!
- Remove GPS system each time you leave your motor vehicle. This includes the window or dashboard mounting plate, along with the plug-in adapter. We also recommend removing the suction cup mount and wiping off the impression marks left from the cup on the windshield. Many of the reports made for “smash and grab” motor vehicle thefts involve the theft of a GPS.
- Never place a GPS in the glove box or trunk for storage. Carry them back & forth from your home or office for total security. We recommend purchasing an inexpensive camera bag, which allows you to transport them without causing damage.
- Remove All Valuable Items From Your Vehicle: This includes loose change, cell phones, chargers, sunglasses, laptop, bags etc. which can cause a thief to forcibly enter your motor vehicle. Your motor vehicle is less appealing to a criminal if there is nothing visible for them to steal.
- All electronic devices such as cell phones and GPS systems include a serial/ESN number. Keep a copy of these numbers and bring them with you to the police station in the event of a theft.
- Report thefts as soon as possible to the police. Don’t assume that it’s not worth reporting. Oftentimes a criminal will “work” in a specific neighborhood or group of streets. If the Boston Police Dept. is aware of the uptick, patrols can be deployed as necessary.
- Be sure to share any information on breaks in your community with neighbors. Keeping neighbors informed increases vigilance.
- Don’t have a Neighborhood Watch Group? Call the Neighborhood Watch Unit at 617-343-4345 to get started. Meeting regularly with your neighbors and the police department reduces crime and enhances quality of life.
- Remember if you “*see something, say something.*” Always call 9-1-1 if you see any suspicious activity in your neighborhood. If you see unfamiliar individuals on your street acting in a way that coincides with criminal activity (i.e. looking into car windows, tugging on car door handles, walking into backyards) we urge you to contact the Boston Police Dept. immediately. Timely calls to 9-1-1 help prevent crimes.

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