#### **Common Items Stolen from vehicles:**

- Firearms
- CDs
- Tools
- Purses
- Laptops
- Briefcases
- Sunglasses
- Car stereos
- Checkbooks
- Credit Cards
- GPS Devices
- Loose Change
- Mobile Phones
- Shopping Bags











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# Don't Show It!

Did you know that thefts from vehicles represent a large percentage of property crimes reported in Memphis?

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## STOW IT! Don't Show it!

# Thefts from vehicles can be prevented!

### **Don't Be a Victim!**

### **Secure Your Vehicle**

Car Burglars will seize the opportunity to enter unlocked vehicles. Don't make your car an easy target by leaving your car doors unlocked.

- Always lock your doors.
- Spare car keys should not be stored in or on your car; thieves know where to look.
- Don't forget to close windows and sunroofs.
- Neverleave children or pets unattended in the vehicle.
- Park in a well-lit parking area.
- Consider installing a caralarm or security device and place anti-theft stickers on your vehicle.

#### **Don't Leave Valuables In View**

Take extra precautions to avoid a criminal window-shopping inside your car. Never give thieves a reason to break into your vehicle and steal your belongings.





- Place any property in the trunk before you get to your next destination.
- Do not leave possessions on the passenger seat.
- Never hide expensive possessions under the seat as this is the first place burglars check for stored items.
- Never attempt to cover valuable items left on the seat or floorboard of your car; blankets and articles of clothing present a hidden clue to thieves that items may be underneath.
- Do not leave any important documents in your car that contain your personal information.

**OW IT! Don't Show** 

### **Shopping Tips**

Don't let busy shopping habits leave you vulnerable to theft and other crimes of opportunity.

- Always stay alert to your surroundings.
- Neverdistractyourselfbyplacingbelongings in your vehicle while talking on the cell phone.
- Do not make unnecessarytripstoputaway packages insideyourvehicle. Remember, you may not see a criminal but a criminal always sees you.
- Never use the excuse, "111 only be gone a fewminutes", to not secure your belongings and lock your doors.



Ifyourcarisbroken intoorstolen, notifythe police immediately. Be prepared to give the following information:

- Date, time and location of the crime
- Vehicledescription to include the year, make, model, license plate and/or VIN number.
- List of valuable items inside your vehicle.
- Any suspect or witness information.