

BURGLARY PREVENTION:

The Neighborhood Watch Program

Crime Prevention research shows that when neighbors know one another, they make an effort to protect each other and the crime rate goes down; especially preventable crimes such as vehicle burglary. No one knows your neighborhood and your community better than you and your neighbors. We need you to be extra eyes and ears for the Sheriff's Office. Through mutual cooperation, we can fight crime in our neighborhoods in the most effective way, before it begins. By instituting a Neighborhood Watch

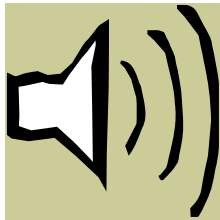


program in your community, you warn criminals that people in your neighborhood watch out for one another. Also consider implementing a Mobile Watch,

where citizens patrol their own neighborhoods and report to the Sheriff's Office. Mobile Watches help reduce property crimes, such as residential and vehicle burglaries.

HOW TO GET STARTED:

CALL THE CRIME PREVENTION UNIT AT 468-3901 AND WE WILL SEND YOU OUT A PACKET OF INFORMATION.



Reporting a Crime

CALL: 743-7000

When you call, the dispatcher asks you several questions. Be as factual as possible. If you don't know, say so. Let the dispatcher hang up first.

Probable Questions

- What occurred?
- When did this occur?
- Where did this occur?
- How many suspects are there?
- What did they do?
- What did they say?
- Are the suspects still there?
- Which way did they go?
- What color and make of vehicle were they in?
- Are there any other witnesses?
- Is there other information you feel is important?

Response Time

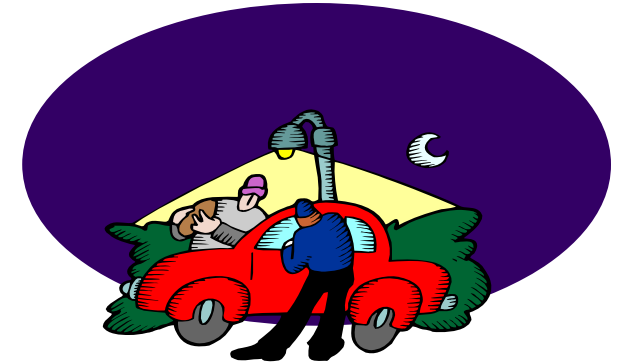
We must prioritize our calls for service and respond to apparent danger to human life first, in-process crimes second, then property crimes. We will handle your problem as soon as possible. The more information you provide during your call, the better we can properly evaluate the response priority.



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Theft from motor vehicles, the most prevalent crime in Utah and nationwide, occurs most frequently from simple negligence. Because it can take as little as seven seconds and one screwdriver to break into a car, a typical thief takes an average of only 90 seconds before he moves on. Therefore, layers of protection provide your best defense against these relatively lazy criminals.

The most effective preventative against theft of valuables is to never leave anything in your car. If you must, then follow the common sense suggestions listed in this pamphlet. Your next line of defense lies in the new technology which offers many options for further protection. And finally, take advantage of the County's Neighborhood Watch and Mobile Watch programs.



Common Sense Prevention

- Lock your car and roll windows all the way up. Many amateur burglars seize opportunities. A student may be strolling by and spy an occasion to steal a parking permit. A locked car dashes the plot.
- Lock your valuables in a trunk to keep them out of sight. But beware, once inside your car, a thief can trigger an automatic trunk opener. However, security options exist which can temporarily disable this feature.
- If you own a vehicle without a trunk, use a cargo cover to conceal your things.
- Thieves prefer covered parking, dimly lit areas, or crowded places where people take little note of each other. Park where a burglar in the act would draw more attention.
- Do not hide your keys anywhere on your car. Professionals will find them.
- Caution! Remove your valuables and lock your car even if you park in a garage at night. Salt Lake County statistics reveal a trend toward more vehicle burglaries from garage break-ins. Keep garage doors closed and locked.
- When at home, park in your driveway or garage, not on the street.



Securing Your Vehicle

Today's market offers many security devices which give varying layers of protection against professional burglars. These products discourage break-ins that result in theft of valuables, car accessories, and the car itself.

- **Dual-stage shock sensors** chirp several times before going into full wail, which reduces running after false alarms.
- A **passive alarm** automatically arms when you walk away from the car. A keypad installed on the dashboard acts as a visible deterrent for which many insurance companies now give discounts.
- A **hood lock** deters a thief from accessing your car's battery to cut the alarm's power supply.
- **Perimeter sensors** send the alarm into full wail if someone opens your hood, trunk, or doors.
- **L.E.D.**, a blinking red light on your instrument panel, lets you and any potential thief know if your alarm system works.
- A **glass sensor** (a microphone mounted inside the vehicle) detects breaking glass and sets off an alarm. This defeats sophisticated burglars who use glass hammers which can shatter windows without setting off an alarm.
- **Keyless entry** operates through a remote which allows you to push a button and lock your doors without a key.