



Norfolk Police Department Crime Prevention Tips To Prevent Car Break-Ins

PLEASE READ!!!

Car break-ins can occur **anywhere**. This includes places where there is a large concentration of vehicles which includes shopping facilities, churches, sporting/recreation events, and restaurants down to a single vehicle parked on a residential street.

Here are some tips which will hopefully keep you from being a victim!

- The best advice: **do not** leave anything of value in your vehicle in plain sight. Remember, "if it's in sight, it can take flight."
- **Always lock** your doors, even if you plan to be away from your vehicle for a short time. Example: running in to pay for gas.
- Park in **well-lit** areas.
- When shopping, always be sure to **place purchases in the trunk** or out of sight before going to the next shopping area to park.
- Try to maintain a "**clutter free**" vehicle.
- **Remove GPS systems** from view when leaving vehicle.
- Consider **replacing standard license plate screws** with theft deterrent screws available at auto parts stores.

**Don't be a victim. Help us help you.
Eliminate opportunity and eliminate crime!**

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