



Crime Prevention Tips Vehicle Thefts & Break-Ins

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION

- Do not leave your vehicle running and unattended while you run into the store “for just a minute” or while warming up your vehicle in the morning.
- Do not leave a spare key inside the vehicle.
- Do not allow people you don’t know to use your vehicle or access to your Keys!
- Utilize anti-theft and/or vehicle alarms.
- Use a steering wheel locking device.
- Uses an ignition kill system to prevent your car from being started.
- Secure your vehicle at all times even in places you consider to be safe.
- Park your vehicle in a well-lighted area.

VEHICLE BREAK-IN PREVENTION

- Secure your vehicle at all times. Lock your doors and do not crack open your windows even in the summertime.
- Do not leave valuables such as laptop computers, cellular phones and chargers, cash, loose change, radar detectors, detachable stereo covers, iPod, iPad, GPS devises, sports equipment, and important papers and documents in your vehicle.
- Do not leave packages in plain view inside your vehicle. Put them in the trunk or cover them up.
- Keep a record of serial numbers for stereo equipment, amplifiers, and other personal items.
- Park your vehicle in a well-lighted area.
- Be aware of your surroundings and your neighbors.
- Report suspicious activity to 911 immediately – when in doubt, call 911.
- **If you have any information about vehicle thefts or break-ins, please contact Community Resource Unit at 560-4404.**

Notice Under the Americans with Disabilities Act:

A person with a disability may receive an auxiliary aid or service to effectively participate in city government activities by contacting the ADA Coordinator, voice 919-560-4197, fax 560-4196, TTY 919-560-1200, or ADA@durhamnc.gov, as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the event or deadline date.

