



SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

PARKING LOT SECURITY

KEEP IT SECURE,
KEEP IT LOCKED,
KEEP IT SAFE



Vehicle Security When Parked or Parking

Often many vehicle owners pay little thought to the security of their vehicle and personal safety. Commonly, our vehicle is usually the second most expensive asset we own and the contents can be a world of value to the thief.

Don't be a victim, It only takes an instant for the opportunist thief break-in grab what they want or to slip into the driver's seat and be gone with your vehicle.

You owe it to yourself to reduce or prevent the criminals opportunity to commit their next crime.



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When Selecting a Parking Space

BE CHOOSY

- ◇ If you are unfamiliar with the parking lot, drive through it and check it first. If you don't feel safe, go elsewhere.
- ◇ Park only in well lit areas with high- visibility
- ◇ Avoid parking next to large vehicles, dumpsters, shrubbery etc.
- ◇ Whenever possible park in high traffic areas, such as pedestrian crossing or vehicle traffic.
- ◇ Daylight parking? Think about when you are likely to return to your car, will it be daylight then?
- ◇ Be aware of your surroundings. Watch for suspicious people or activities.

Think Safety and Security

MAKE IT A HABIT

- ◇ Remove your ignition key on every occasion you leave your vehicle.
- ◇ Close the windows all the way.
- ◇ Make sure all doors are locked.
- ◇ Never leave vehicle documents in your car. Your registration and insurance forms will help the thief sell your vehicle and many times your Identity.
- ◇ Do not leave valuables or not- so-valuable items in plain view, even if it is locked. This could attract the attention of a criminal.
- ◇ Don't fall into the "I'll only be a few minutes" mentality.

When Returning to your Vehicle.

- ◇ In your head rehearse a plan of what you will do in the event of an attack.
- ◇ Have your keys in your hand so you are not searching for them.
- ◇ Look around, make sure it is safe to approach your car.
- ◇ Before entering your vehicle, visually scan it to make sure no one is hiding inside or underneath.
- ◇ If you notice someone suspicious report it to security.
- ◇ Once you are in the car lock the doors immediately and drive off quickly.



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