

VEHICLE BURGLARY PREVENTION

Burglary of a motor vehicle is the theft of property from a motor vehicle. Most are crimes of opportunity through unlocked doors and open windows. Many times even locked doors and closed windows are not enough and victims suffer expensive vehicle damage – especially to their windows, doors, and locks. It is always best to avoid leaving things of value inside your vehicle when parked in public places. If valuables need to be left behind, place them out of sight.

ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOURSELF

- ***Roll-up windows and lock doors!***
- Park in well-lit areas where your car can be seen. Secure the trunk, hatches, & bed –mounted toolboxes.
- Leave outside lighting on when parked at home. Park in a garage or secure location when possible.
- Remove valuable items from your vehicle such as: purses, garage door openers, wallets, firearms, cameras, GPS units, cell phones, tablets, computers, and other electronic items.

**Emergency Call 9-1-1
Police Non-Emergency
830-598-4818**

***Granite Shoals Police
Officers are on-duty
24/7. If you need
assistant at any time,
please call.***

**While you are on
vacation, we would like
to keep an eye on your
house. Call us and
request a vacation
watch.**



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BURGLARY PREVENTION FOR YOUR RESIDENCE & VEHICLE



***City of Granite Shoals
Police Department
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Granite Shoals Police Department

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY PREVENTION

Burglary victims often feel vulnerable and violated as their personal space has been invaded. Residential burglaries statistically occur during the day while families are at work or school. The most common entry technique is a hard kick to the door, forcing the wooden jamb to give way. Household tools like hammers, screwdrivers, pry bars and pliers may be used to gain entry into your home.

Unfortunately, it is hard to catch burglars in the act and harder to catch them after the fact. While residential burglaries seem random in nature, there is a simple selection process. Unoccupied homes with easy or concealed access and quick escape routes are targeted. Once inside burglars look for small expensive items that are easily traded for cash. Favorite items include cash, jewelry, laptops, CD/DVD players, game consoles, watches, guns and small electronic devices.

ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOURSELF

- ***Always lock your doors and windows!***
 - Use dead bolt door locks on exterior doors.
 - Use solid core or metal exterior doors.
 - Install four-screw strike plates with three-inch screws to penetrate the wood door frame.
 - Change the locks when moving into a new residence.
 - Add auxiliary track-type locks, removable drop bars, wooden dowels, or pinning devices to windows and sliding glass doors.
 - Install peepholes with 160 degree views on doors.
 - Install lights by all exterior doors. Use the lights at night.
 - Install outside light fixtures where bulbs are hard to reach.
 - Make sure you have house numbers and illuminate them for quick response from emergency services.
- Trim shrubs back from doors and windows so burglars don't have a place to hide.
 - Give spare key to a neighbor. Don't hide it outside.
 - Install a monitored residential alarm system.
 - Bring your valuables in from outside your house before bedtime. Items such as bicycles, lawnmowers, and other items left in yards are easy targets.
 - While on vacation, have someone watch your house or contact the police department and request a vacation watch.
 - While on vacation, use timers on indoor lights to give the impression you are home.
 - While on vacation, have merchandise delivered to a neighbor's house.