



Community Services Section Crime Prevention Tip

Theft from Vehicle Prevention

- Park in busy, well-lighted areas. Avoid having your car concealed by larger vehicles, fences, or foliage.
- Do not leave valuables in the vehicle or in plain view: (GPS devices, lap tops, PDA's, cell phones, MP3's, wallets, purses)
- Do not move valuable items to the trunk while in public view.
- Install an audible alarm system and a visible anti-theft device.
- Do not keep a spare set of keys hidden in or around the vehicle.
- If you see something suspicious around you, move to another area to park your vehicle.
- Double check to make sure your car doors are locked.
- Make sure your vehicle's windows are completely closed.
- Remove garage door openers, key cards, and house or work keys from the car so that a prowler cannot gain access to your home.
- If possible, store your car in a closed and locked garage. If your car is parked in a carport or near your house, leave your exterior lights on throughout the night. Consider replacing the light fixture closest to your car with a motion detector unit.
- Consider installing a security system with video surveillance capabilities at your home.

For questions, concerns or additional information contact your precincts Outreach Team, or the Baltimore County Police Department's Community Services Section, Ofc. Bryan Dietsch @ 410-887-5901