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AUTO BURGLARY AND THEFT PREVENTION TIPS

Remove visible items from your vehicle: Never leave items of value in your car such as laptops, cell phones, tablets, purses, or jackets. If you leave items visible in your car, you are a target. Be aware that someone may be watching as you put a wallet, purse, or cell phone under your seat, especially at a gym. Take these with you or secure them in your trunk.

Lock up!

- Lock your vehicle and take your keys, even for quick errands.
- Lock the trunk, hatchback or tailgate to block access into the vehicle.
- Close all windows, including vent or wing windows and sunroofs.

Vehicle alarms: Buy an alarm and use it! Many people believe that alarms no longer make a difference, however, they do remain an effective deterrent to a burglar. Remember criminals are looking for the easy target.

Firearms: Houston Police data shows that in the first 10 months of 2019 more than **1,700 firearms** were stolen from vehicles. Secure your guns.

Mail: Do not leave outgoing or incoming mail in your car, especially where visible. This has your name and address on it.

Garage Door Opener: Avoid leaving this in your car if possible.

Top stolen vehicles in Houston are: Chevy trucks, Ford trucks, Dodge trucks and GMC trucks.



Call UT Police if you see suspicious behavior:

- Pulling on door handles.
- Looking into car windows.
- Checking for car alarms by bumping the window or bumpers for sensitivity.
- Nervous, looking around, moving around slowly or quickly.