

PREVENTION TIPS

Provided by CPD South Region's Community Response Team

AUTO BREAK-IN PREVENTION TIPS

- 1) Lock your vehicle - The majority of auto breakings have been from vehicles being left unsecured
- 2) Take all valuables out of your vehicle
- 3) Never hide a second set of keys in your vehicle.
- 4) Take down any GPS mounts and remove/hide cell phone chargers
- 5) Completely close all vehicle windows.

AUTO THEFT PREVENTION TIPS

- 1) Remove your keys from the ignition and take your keys with you.
- 2) Lock your vehicle.
- 3) Never hide a second set of keys in your vehicle.
- 4) Park in attended lots.
- 5) Park in well-lighted areas.
- 6) Never leave your vehicle running unattended, even if you will only be gone for a minute.
- 7) Completely close all vehicle windows when parking.
- 8) Do not leave valuables in plain sight.
- 9) Park with your wheels turned towards the curb to make your vehicle more difficult to tow away.
- 10) If your vehicle is rear-wheel drive, backing into your driveway will make it more difficult for a thief to tow it away.
- 11) Garage your vehicle if you have one and always remember to lock the garage door.
- 12) Do not leave the title in your vehicle.
- 13) Always use your emergency brake when parking, which ensures safety and also makes it difficult for a thief to tow your vehicle away.
- 14) Disable your vehicle by taking off your positive cable from the car battery when leaving it unattended for an extended period of time.
- 15) Drop business cards, address labels or other identification inside vehicle doors to help assist law enforcement in identifying your vehicle or parts.
- 16) Install an anti-theft device or system on your vehicle as an extra deterrent measure.

BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS

- 1) Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave, even if it's just for a short time
- 2) Leave lights on when you go out.
- 3) Consider installing motion sensitive exterior lighting.
- 4) Trim trees and hedges away from windows and doors.
- 5) When you're away for a longer period of time, stop mail, newspapers, and other deliveries or have a neighbor collect them for you
- 6) Consider installing an alarm system
- 7) Install deadbolts on all exterior doors.
- 8) Mark property through engraving with an identification code – such as your driver's license number.
- 9) Consider participating in a neighborhood watch group.
- 10) Consider obtaining a notebook and writing down on serial numbers to all valuables and hide the notebook so that if something does happen you will have all the serial numbers belonging to your items.

Call **911** or **252-2911** if you observe any suspicious individuals or behavior.