

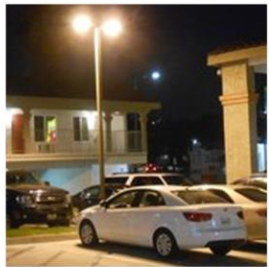


# MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER: VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION

*Crime Prevention is an active program that combines public awareness & preventive measures to reduce crime.*

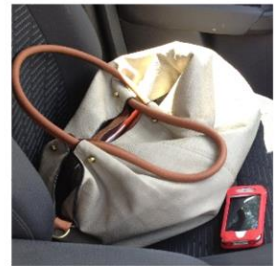
The focus for the month of August is **Vehicle Theft Prevention and Protection**. Vehicle theft is by no means a new crime, but it is an ever present, common risk lessened by active citizens and friendly neighborhood relationships. This month includes tips for protecting yourself against vehicle theft and break-ins. Here are your top tips:

- Keep doors locked and windows up, even when parked in your personal garage, and especially when your vehicle is unattended.
- Be aware of your surrounding when walking to your vehicle and look in and around your vehicle before entering.
- If you suspect you are being followed, go to a police, sheriff, or fire station and **NEVER** go to your home or business.



- Park in well-lit areas or busy areas that would be least likely areas for theft to occur.
- In the case a carjacker approaches you and is armed, **DO NOT** resist, give up your vehicle and get away quickly.
- Consider installing an alarm system with tracking device if one does not already exist.

- Never leave your car running with the keys in the ignition unattended, even if you are leaving for “a quick minute.”
- Do not leave a garage door opener visible on your visor, but remove it when parked, especially at home.
- Keep spare change, phones, and wallets out of plain sight. Don't leave anything out that will tempt others, and if you secure them in the trunk, be discrete when doing so.
- Lastly, if you have toolboxes or exterior hatches, ensure you lock them.



**The Provost Marshal's Office wants all residents to be aware of surroundings, protect your belongings, and prevent vehicle theft. Remove It, Lock It, or Lose It!**

For more crime prevention information contact  
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