

Remove it, Lock it, or Lose it

Preventing Theft from your Motor Vehicle



Theft from cars are often due to valuables being left in plain sight or doors and windows being left unlocked. Theft occurs at any time, so it is important not to present an easy opportunity for thieves.

In order to steal, thieves will smash a window or break locks, and the cost of repairs may exceed the value of the stolen item(s). Follow these simple steps to help reduce the risk of thefts.



Provost Marshal's Office
Twentynine Palms, CA

Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Checklist

Remove all Valuables

- Do not leave any valuables in your car.
- If you must leave valuables, place them in a hidden location.
- Remove GPS units and wipe the suction mark off the window.
- Do not leave personal documents in view.
- Do not leave house keys or garage door opener in your car.

Lock Up

- Lock your car and always physically check that it locked.
- Close all windows, to ensure no access can be gained.
- If you have external hatches or toolboxes lock them.

Secure Your Car

- Park in a locked garage, if possible.
- Park off the street in your driveway, if you do not have a garage.
- Park in a well-lit area.
- Install a car alarm, if one is already installed, utilize it.
- Utilize anti-theft one way screws on your license plate.



Key Crime Prevention Tips

- ❖ Remove all valuable items when you are not in your car
- ❖ Lock all doors and windows before leaving your car
- ❖ Park your car in a well-lit and secure area
- ❖ Regularly check that your license plate has not been tampered with
- ❖ Ensure no windows or locks are damaged

Commonly Stolen Items

- ❖ Money, Wallets, and Purses.
- ❖ Media Devices, Stereos, and Cellphones
- ❖ Tools
- ❖ Handbags, jewelry, and sunglasses

In the event of a theft or unlawful entry into your vehicle, call the Military Police at (760) 830-3333. If the incident occurs at an off-installation location, call the local police at (760) 366-3781.