



February Safety Tips – Prevent Vehicle Burglaries

Don't Be a Victim!

1. Don't leave valuables in your car. If you leave valuable items visible in your car, your car is automatically a target. Cars have been burglarized for loose change in plain view, for as little as \$0.50.
2. If you must leave valuable items in your car while out and about, place items in the trunk. Don't think your dark tinted windows will hide your valuables. Thieves often use flashlights to see through the tint.
3. Once home, unload your valuables immediately. Do not store valuables in your car any longer than necessary, and certainly never overnight.
4. Try to park in busy, well-lit areas, or in your garage.
5. Raise your windows and lock ALL of your vehicle's doors even if you plan to be gone for only a second. Do not leave keys in your vehicle. This makes your car an easy target to get stolen.
6. Set the alarm or anti-theft device. Many people believe that car alarms no longer make a difference, but they are a deterrent to auto burglars.
7. Slow Down and use common sense before you leave your car. Taking just an extra moment to make sure you're not forgetting any of the above tips, may prevent your vehicle from getting targeted.

What to do if you are Burglarized:

As soon as you notice your vehicle has been burglarized:

1. Do not touch/adjust anything in, on or around the car.
2. As soon as possible, call the police to report the incident.
3. If you need to leave or prefer to report your vehicle burglary online, you can go to <http://www.mantecapd.com> to file a report.
4. If you see suspicious activity, call The Manteca Police Department immediately at (209)456-8101 or your local agency if outside the Manteca City limits.