

Vehicle Break-Ins

Vehicle break-ins is a crime that can occur anywhere. Whether a car is parked on the street, a driveway, or a parking lot, it can be the target of a break-in.

Often, the individual committing the break-in does so in less than a minute. Examples of property stolen out of vehicles are:

- Car Stereos
- Cell phones
- CD's
- Checkbooks
- Purses
- Tools
- Wallets
- Laptop computers
- Firearms
- Cash

Prevention

The Police Department believes that vehicle break-ins can be reduced by encouraging citizens to use the listed vehicle break-in prevention tips:

- Always lock your vehicle after parking it.
- Do not leave valuables in the vehicle.
- Do not leave keys in the vehicle. Keys left in the vehicle often result in the vehicle being stolen.
- Park in illuminated areas.
- Lock your packages and gifts in your vehicle's trunk, especially during the holiday season.
- Use heavy duty locks for toolboxes and if they are stored in pickup trucks, secure the toolboxes to the bed of the truck.
- Be observant. Notify the police if you see anyone acting in a suspicious manner such as loitering around or looking into vehicles.

What to do if you observe a vehicle break-in:

If you observe a vehicle break-in, do not intervene, but call 911 to notify the police immediately. When reporting the crime to police communications personnel, please provide the following information.

- **Location:** Such as an address, street name and/or block number, or a specific location in a parking lot.
- **Description of the suspect:** Provide identifiers such as race, sex, age, height, weight, hair color and length, color and length of facial hair, colors and style of clothing, any identifying marks such as tattoos and scars.
- **Direction:** Provide the direction of travel if the suspect flees from the scene.
- **Description of car:** Provide a description of the vehicle if the suspect flees from the scene in a vehicle. Describe the make and type of vehicle, color and year, special designs, or features such as a vinyl top, mag wheels, body damage, pinstripes, etc.

Description of the Victim's Stolen Property

What to do if your vehicle has been broken into – Notify the Lower Providence Township Police Department. A report of the break-in will be completed and extra attention/patrols will be initiated in the area.

Provide complete information on the stolen property, especially property that has serial numbers or other identifying numbers or marks.