



Lock It Or Lose It!

THE KEY TO PREVENTING THEFT FROM VEHICLES STARTS WITH YOU!



Nobody wants to be the victim of a crime. Albert Lea is a safe community that has the pleasure of having low crime rates. Although major crimes such as, robbery, murder, and aggravated assaults are low in numbers, property occur frequently. Within property crimes, thefts from motor vehicles are the most prevalent. A majority of these thefts occur when vehicles are left unsecured or valuable items are left in plain sights. The following tips can be taken to prevent yourself from becoming a crime victim.

Tips to Prevent Thefts from Vehicles:

- Secure (Lock) your vehicle. Lock all doors, trunk, and roll up every window. A majority of the time, the first thing thieves look for is to see if the doors and windows are secure. An unsecured door makes for a fast theft and get-away.
- Park your vehicle in a secure location/well-lit area. Extra security, such as a garage or even a driveway, add an extra layer of security that a criminal must pass. Parking your vehicle in a well-lit area, such as under a street light, lights your vehicle up and exposes anyone in the area of your vehicle. Remember criminals enjoy using the cover of darkness when committing crime.
- Don't leave items in plain sight. Take the items out of the vehicle or secure them in your trunk where they are out of sight. Thieves rarely break into vehicles for no reason. They seek valuables that they observe or know are in the vehicle.
- Use advisable or audible warning device. An alarm is an excellent tool to prevent theft. It lets you and others know that something wrong is taking place. It also advises the thief that they have been caught in the act.
- Report suspicious activity immediately.

Common items stolen from vehicles in Albert Lea:

- Audio Equipment, Cash (including coins), Purses, Cellular Telephones, Tools, Clothes, Driver's Licenses, Personal Documents (including Checkbooks, Social Security Cards, Credit Cards), Cameras, GPS Devices.

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Our mission is to enhance the quality of life in Albert Lea, by providing excellent public safety services through leadership, integrity, and in collaborative partnerships with our community.

