



## AUTO BURGLARIES ARE ON THE RISE!

*Don't be a victim—Follow these simple tips to reduce your risk!*

Auto burglaries can be very difficult cases to solve as there is usually very little physical evidence left behind. In order to help reduce the risk of becoming a victim of a car burglary, we have provided some easy tips to follow:

**ALWAYS** close your windows and lock your vehicle and garage doors.

**ALWAYS** park in well lit areas as close to buildings, or if at home, park in the garage.

**ALWAYS** use exterior lighting in areas around your garage or automobiles.

**ALWAYS** remove or hide from view loose valuables from your vehicle, including the including the garage door opener (If taken, it is an easy way for a burglar to gain entry into your home.). This includes purses, wallets, cell phones, laptop computers, other electronic devices, loose change, and briefcases. **Anything of value—burglars can easily obtain entry into your car!**

**ALWAYS** set your car alarm, if so equipped.

**ALWAYS** keep a list of serial numbers for your commonly used electronic equipment.

**NEVER** leave your keys in your car.

Don't hesitate to call 911 to report suspicious persons seen wandering around in parking lots or neighborhoods—particularly after hours—and/or looking into cars as they walk by.

The Irving Police Department is committed to educating citizens on how they can take precautions to reduce the chances that they will become a victim of crime.

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