



## Floyd County Sheriff's Department

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### Bulletin - Vehicle Break-In Prevention Tips

- At night always park in a well lighted area.
- Park your vehicle near a main aisle of the parking lot, not off to the side secluded.
- If you get the feeling that “something is wrong,” trust your instincts, don't stop.
- Always park your vehicle where you have an unobstructed 360 degree view around your vehicle.
- Always be aware of your surroundings before you get out, take a few moments to look around. Don't rush to get out of your vehicle.
- If you have an alarm on your vehicle engage it as soon as you exit the vehicle.
- Make sure the vehicle's windows are rolled up before parking.
- Keep your vehicle doors locked until you have parked and observed the surroundings. Only unlock the doors when you are ready to exit the vehicle.
- Move quickly and steadily away from your vehicle toward your destination. Don't linger in the parking lot around your vehicle.
- At home, make sure your garage door is kept down. If your vehicle is parked in your driveway, make sure that the keys are removed, the windows are up, and the doors are locked. Hide/Remove your garage door opener if you park outside the garage.
- Do not leave valuables in plain sight in the passenger area of your vehicle.
- Secure valuables, purses included, in the trunk area of your vehicle. While doing this keep a constant visual on your surroundings.
- Do not leave “spare” change out in the open. To many, this change can be a small fortune.
- If your vehicle is equipped with a removable face plate for the stereo, remove and secure it whenever possible.