



# Car Theft – Car Break-Ins – Carjacking FAQs

## CAR THEFT & BREAK-INS

### How Can I Prevent My Car from Being Stolen?

- Don't leave your keys in the car. Nearly 40% of Oakland's stolen cars had the keys left in them. After all, if you were going to steal a car, wouldn't you pick the one with keys?
- **Lock it. Lock it. Lock it.** Lock all doors. Lock the trunk. Lock the tailgate of your station wagon. Close all windows and lock the vent wings. Don't hide extra keys under the hood or on the frame.
- If you have a garage, lock the car inside the garage and lock the garage.
- Install a locking gas tank cap. That way your car can't be driven any further than what's in the tank.
- Away from home? Park beneath street lights or in a well-lit parking lot.

### How Can I Prevent My Car from Being Broken Into?

Protect your car by removing valuables when you park your car:

- GPS units
- Handicap placards
- FasTrak tags
- Packages
- Purses
- Cell phones

### What Else Should I Do?

Keep your registration number and license plate number in your wallet or purse so that if your car is stolen, you'll have instant facts for the police.

## CARJACKING

### How Can I Reduce the Chances of Being Carjacked?

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Statistically, the chances of becoming a victim of carjacking are on the low side, but it does happen. Study the [carjacking](http://www.surveillianceforsecurity.com/carjacking.html) article on Surveillance for Security if you are concerned. (<http://www.surveillianceforsecurity.com/carjacking.html>)