
Vehicle Burglary is The #1 Crime in Ada County

Facts:

There were more than 500 reported vehicle burglaries in Ada County last year.

70% of all vehicle burglaries are committed on vehicles with ***unlocked doors or windows.***

60% are committed on vehicles that have ***valuables in plain view.***

Many are crimes of opportunity committed by youths who see an *easy mark* and decide to take advantage of someone's carelessness. Many professional criminals, knowing that the risks are low and the rewards high, simply walk through neighborhoods looking for unlocked cars or for valuables left in plain view.

Vehicle Burglary is an Easy Crime for you to Prevent!!

Popular items stolen include:

- ▶ Purses and briefcases
- ▶ Day planners
- ▶ Compact disks
- ▶ Cellular phones
- ▶ Car stereos
- ▶ Packages and groceries
- ▶ Clothing
- ▶ Garage door openers

*What if he gets your garage door opener **and** your address from your vehicle registration that is in your **unlocked** glove compartment?*

Vehicle burglaries are not only one of the most prolific crimes committed but also the ***most easily prevented.***

Protecting your car and property Is up to you!!

To keep your car from becoming a statistic:

- ▶ Always lock all doors.
- ▶ Roll up windows tight.
- ▶ Install tapered door lock buttons.
- ▶ Park in well lighted areas.
- ▶ Don't leave valuables in sight.
- ▶ Don't hide spare keys - they can be found.
- ▶ Keep your garage door opener with you or well secreted.
- ▶ Car alarms are only moderately effective.
- ▶ Don't think that it can't happen to you-act ***before*** not after the crime.

Protecting Your Garage

FACT:

Almost all garage burglaries occur in **OPEN** garages.

If the thief doesn't know you have it, he probably won't try to steal it.

- ▶ Keep your garage doors closed except when you are actually taking something in or out.
- ▶ If you can't keep valuable items in your garage, put them behind your garage out of sight.
- ▶ Keep it locked. Padlock the locking slide bar when your on vacation.
- ▶ Keep locking mechanisms and door track in good repair and lubricated.
- ▶ Replace hollow core house entry doors with solid core doors with deadbolt locks.
- ▶ Secure windows with removable screws. Permanently secure windows that you don't need to open.
- ▶ Use a random code garage door opener on a separate power switch.
- ▶ Remember that an attached garage can provide excellent cover for a burglar to gain entrance to your house.