

HELPFUL TIPS TO PREVENTION CAR BREAK-INS

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Year round, the Southampton Town Police Department receives numerous reports of vehicle break-ins and thefts. Below are a few tips to think about while you are away from your car to deter potential thieves.

AVOIDING CAR THEFT SMASH-&-GRAB



- **CHOOSE A GOOD PARKING SPACE:** At your home consider a well-lit driveway or parking inside of a garage. If you are going to be shopping in the evening, park in a well-lit and open parking area.
- **LEAVE YOUR PURSE/BACKPACK OR VALUABLES OUT OF SIGHT:** If possible, keep your goodies in the trunk instead of in the viewable passenger area. If a thief sees items that may be valuable, they are more likely to target your car. If they see nothing, they will likely move on to another.
- **USE A VEHICLE WITH AN ALARM SYSTEM, IF POSSIBLE:** Thieves are less likely to break into a car with a blinking alarm light. Double check to make sure the alarm is activated.
- **TAKE ELECTRONICS WITH YOU:** Either put the portable devices in a hidden place, out of view, or take it with you. Those are items that attract thieves, because they are easy to grab, carry, and sell.
- **LOCK YOUR DOORS:** This should be a “no-brainer” but we take quite a few police reports where car doors were left unlocked. Some thieves will actually walk around a parking lot checking car doors for an easy target.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!
CALL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES OR CRIMES IN PROGRESS

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Southampton Police Department for more information at 631-728-5000 (non-emergency)