

HOW CRIME PREVENTION BENEFITS YOU!

- Your vehicle windows are not broken
- You don't have to repair your door locks when they are damaged.
- You do not have to shop for replacement parts
- You don't have to pick up broken glass.
- You do not have to rent a car
- You do not lose irreplaceable items
- You do not have to wait for an officer to take the report
- You do not have to wait for your car to be repaired
- You do not have to pay an insurance deductible
- Your insurance rates do not go up
- You do not have to order another driver's license, credit card etc.
- You do not expose yourself to identity theft
- The City has a lower crime rate

For further information about ways to prevent crime and join Neighborhood Watch contact:

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HELP KEEP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

Neighborhood Watch groups are the foundation of community crime prevention and are a stepping stone to creating and maintaining healthy communities.

Neighborhood Watch educates people about the ways to deter and detect crime. The program creates a communication network between its members and with the Police Department.

The Neighborhood Watch program encourages citizen involvement to report suspicious activities. When citizens are actively involved by calling the police, it discourages criminals and prevents crime.

Neighborhood Watch is a proven crime-reduction program. Like any self-help program, however, its success depends upon you and your neighbors.

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**INDEPENDENCE
POLICE**

Preventing Car Larcenies

Independence Police Department

Phone Numbers:

Emergency 911

Non-Emergency 325-7300

Crime Prevention 325-7643

CRIME PREVENTION

DESIRE
+ABILITY
+OPPORTUNITY
= CRIME

Crime is like a table with three legs – it takes all three legs to stand. If you take away one of the legs, the table isn't supported. Desire, ability and opportunity must all exist to support crime. We may not be able to stop someone's desire to commit a crime, but we can take away their ability and/or their opportunity to commit the crime.

CAR LARCENY

Car larceny prevention, like all crime prevention, is the act of taking away the criminal's ability and/or opportunity to commit a crime. With a little time and effort, YOU can reduce your vulnerability to car larceny.

WHY LARCENIES ?

The increase in car larcenies is part of a national trend. Car larcenies are prolific because people make it far too

easy for a thief to steal their valuables by leaving them in plain view.

Thieves quickly enter vehicles and are often unseen. They sell or trade the stolen items to purchase narcotics. They use identification and personal information that they find in vehicles to commit identity theft.

CAR LARCENY PREVENTION

Remove your valuables – Leave your valuables at home, if you don't need them. If you have valuables in your vehicle, take them with you or place them in your trunk. Place them in the trunk before you arrive at a location where people might be watching you.

Lock your vehicle – This is the simplest way to prevent theft.

Close doors and windows – An open door or window allows a thief a quick and quiet way to steal your property. When the window is only slightly open, it makes the thief's job much easier. Take the time to close the windows and lock the doors when you leave your vehicle unattended.

Location – You can choose where you park your vehicle. Thieves look for vehicles that they can enter with the

least possibility of being seen or caught by citizens and authorities.

Try to park in a well lighted area where your vehicle is visible to others.

COMMONLY STOLEN PROPERTY

Items that are commonly stolen from vehicles in Independence are:

- GPS Units – portable and fixed
- iPods and accessories
- PDAs
- Laptop computers
- DVD players and video screens
- Briefcases
- Money including coins
- Cameras
- Satellite radios
- Cell phones
- CDs and CD players
- Radar detectors
- Keys and access cards
- Luggage
- Mail
- Address books
- Sunglasses
- Jackets and sports clothing
- Gym bags and golf clubs
- Garage door openers
- SUV Third row seats
- Any item of value