

Norwalk Police Department

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Most Vehicle Burglaries are Preventable **A Crime of Opportunity**

A review of recent vehicle burglaries shows that most if not all of the burglaries involved either unlocked vehicles or vehicles with obvious items of value left in plain view. The incidence of properly secured valuables and properly secured cars being targeted is rare.

Vehicle burglaries are mostly a crime of opportunity, a crime which can be prevented by exercising reasonable care.

The Norwalk Police Department would like to reinforce the message that *Most Vehicle Burglaries are Preventable* and asks residents and visitors to take a few basic, precautions when leaving their vehicles unattended.

Always lock your vehicle.

Never leave valuables in plain view.

Gifts, briefcases, laptops, purses, iPods, cell phones, electronic devices, duffle bags should be taken with you. If valuables must be left, they should be secured in the trunk or out of view in the vehicle.

GPS units should not be left on windshields, dashboard mounts or glass cleaner can be used to avoid the tell tale circle often left on windshields indicating a GPS may be in the vehicle.

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