

VEHICLE SAFETY

**KEEP YOUR VEHICLE LOCKED AT ALL TIMES!
IT IS YOUR FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE.**

Whether it is the change you keep in your console, stacks of CD's and tapes or items kept in the glove box, your property becomes pure profit for a thief.

Go through your glove box and console and remove property that, if stolen, would pave the way for Identity Theft.

When shopping, be sure to put purchases in the vehicle trunk. If your vehicle does not have a trunk, place the packages on the floor or the rear seat and cover them. Consider taking purchases home before continuing to another shopping destination.

Lock your vehicle door as soon as you are seated. If you put your seatbelt on first and *then* lock your door, a stranger could open the door and demand your property while you are stuck in a 3-point restraint.

When parking your vehicle, personal safety and property security is enhanced when parking both near a light source and within sight of your destination. Always scan your environment and be alert.

Do not hide a key on your vehicle. Rather, have a trusted person hold a second key for you. Know your license plate number in the event your vehicle is stolen or you simply cannot locate the vehicle in a lot.

If you see suspicious activity in the area of your vehicle, be a good witness and inform your neighbors of such. If you are part of a neighborhood watch, share the information. If you suspect illegal activity, please contact law enforcement.

When approaching your vehicle, have your key in hand so you're not searching your purse or pockets or wallet while standing at the door.