

# Make Your Car Unappealing to Thieves

Golden is a great place to live and is generally a very safe community. However, feeling safe and secure should not stop you from being vigilant about protecting yourself and your possessions. Property crimes are crimes of opportunity. The Golden Police Department says most of these crimes occur because people leave their vehicles unlocked. Criminals simply walk around trying door handles until they find a car that is unlocked. Once inside the car, they will take anything of value or possibly steal your car. They also often look for your personal information, which could lead to other crimes against you.

Locking your car doors is just part of what you can do to protect yourself. The other part is to be sure you hide your belongings. Be aware that vehicles parked along city streets or in dark, isolated areas can be higher targets for theft. The "smash and grab" crimes can happen whether or not you lock your car doors. If you leave valuables in plain view, you give criminals motivation to target your vehicle. Instead, store items under seats, in the trunk, or just take valuables with you. This includes GPS devices, cell phones, tablets, laptops, and accessories.

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AWARE**

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**LOCK YOUR BLOCK**

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## **DON'T BE A VICTIM OF THEFT:**

- Lock your vehicle
- Take your keys
- Hide your belongings
- Report suspicious behavior to 911

For more information, visit [www.lockdownyourcar.org](http://www.lockdownyourcar.org).