

# LYNDON POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Safety Tips: Thefts from Vehicles

From doctors' visits, to school, to a concert, we depend on our cars to take us to the places we need to go. Unfortunately, some thieves depend on our cars to steal from us. With a few simple steps, we can make sure our cars and our property is protected. Here are a few simple tips to help reduce the risk of theft.

- **Park in a well-lit and visible area:** Whenever possible, park in an area that is well-lit and has foot traffic that may deter the thief. At home, consider installing a light in your driveway. Well-lit areas discourage thieves.
- **Lock your car doors and roll up your windows:** It may seem like a simple tip, but many thefts from vehicles occur because the car has been left unlocked.
- **Never leave your keys in your car:** Leaving your keys in your car makes it simple for a thief to steal your vehicle. Many times, we also leave our home keys on our keyring. This could give the thief access to your home as well.
- **Do not leave valuable items in plain view:** Visible items like purses, electronics, bags, or even change can tempt thieves. Keeping your car clean and tidy with no visible items suggests that there is nothing to steal from the inside of the car.
- **Never leave a firearm unattended inside of your vehicle:** Many thefts of firearms occur because they have been left inside of a vehicle. Often, the vehicle is unlocked.

Following these tips can help to reduce the likelihood of theft from your vehicle. Only you know what normal looks like in your area. If you see something suspicious, call the police at 502-574-5471 (911 for Emergencies).