

Follow these Suggestions to Help Deter Vehicle Burglaries

- Take keys out
- Lock your car
- Park in well-lit areas
- Park in attended lots
- Leave only vehicle keys with lot attendant
- Completely close car windows when parking
- Don't leave valuables in plain view (remove valuables at night; place in trunk during the day if items must be left in vehicle)
- Use your garage
- Lock garage door and vehicle inside
- Don't leave your car running unattended
- Engrave expensive accessories
- Use tire/wheel locks
- Install an audible alarm system
- Take out removable radios and face plates
- Avoid parking between large vehicles
- Do not approach your vehicle when a stranger is near it; call the Tarleton Police Department for escort

H.E.A.T. (Help End Auto Theft in Texas)

Texas is the first state to implement a program where vehicle owners sign an agreement allowing police officers to verify ownership if the vehicle is observed during the HEAT hours of 1 a.m. – 5 a.m.

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VEHICLE BURGLARIES

Tarleton State University Police

**Statistics and
Prevention Techniques**



The following statistics list some common items, methods, and locations of vehicle burglaries.

You may be a potential victim if you often leave valuable items in your vehicle or park in high risk areas. Reduce your chance of being a victim of vehicle burglary – become familiar with this information and practice the behavior found on the deterrents list.

Statistics for Tarleton State University

- 11 vehicle burglaries were reported in 2002
- 16 vehicle burglaries were reported in 2003
- 17 vehicle burglaries were reported in 2004
- 23 vehicle burglaries were reported in 2005
- 13 vehicle burglaries were reported in 2006
- 9 vehicle burglaries were reported in 2007

What is a Vehicle Burglary?

State of Texas Penal Code § 30.04.

- A. A person commits an offense if, without the effective consent of the owner, he breaks into or enters a vehicle or any part of a vehicle with intent to commit any felony or theft.
- B. For purposes of this section, "enter" means to intrude:
1. any part of the body; or
 2. any physical object connected with the body.

An offense under this section is a Class A Misdemeanor

Did You Know...

- Vehicle burglaries occur most often on holidays, such as Christmas and Thanksgiving
- The hours between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. account for the majority of vehicle burglaries in apartment complexes and single family residences.

Items to Avoid Leaving in View

Phones	Clothing
Pagers	Laptop Computers
Cigarettes	Weapons
Money (loose change)	
CD's	School books
Briefcases	Address books
Purses	Credit Cards
Wallets	Console Visors
Radar detectors	
Sports Equipment (golf and baseball bags)	
Removable radios (including removable face plates for radios)	



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Be Aware of Burglary Methods and Locations

Entry methods:

- Break glass
- Left unlocked
- Pried/Jimmied
- Windows rolled down or half-rolled down
- Window vents
- Sliding windows (mainly trucks)
- Sunroofs
- Convertibles

Most Common Points of Entry:

- Side and rear windows
- Side door

High Risk Areas:

- Apartments
- Single family residences
- Dorms
- Shopping centers
- Restaurants
- Parks
- Bars

Suspicious Actions:

- Pulling door handles
- Looking in windows
- Odd clothing for the time of year (e.g., long coats or gloves being worn in the summer)
- Lookouts
- Nervous looking (looking all around, moving slowly or quickly)
- Checking alarms by bumping or hitting the windows or bumpers for sensitivity