

# TLC BENEFITS YOU

Practice TLC and WIN by not being a victim!

- Your windows do not get broken
- Your insurance rates do not go up
- Your City has a lower crime rate
- You do not have to replace the stolen item
- You do not have to order another driver's license, credit cards etc.
- You do not expose yourself to identity theft.

## OTHER TIPS:

- Mark your valuables
- Record your VIN number
- Use anti-theft devices
- If you have to give your car key out-give the valet key only.



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Prevent Auto Burglaries  
Practice  
**T.L.C**



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# **AUTO BURGLARIES ARE PREVENTABLE**

Most thefts from motor vehicles are preventable. There are just a few things you need to do to prevent them. Once you realize the steps you need to take, you can reduce your chances of being a victim.

## **PRACTICE T.L.C.**

### **Take Out Valuables**

If you can leave your valuables at home, do that. Otherwise, when you get to your destination, take them with you. If you have to leave them in your vehicle place them in the trunk before you reach your destination.

### **Lock your Vehicle**

Enough said.

### **Close Doors and Windows**

An open door or window allows a thief a quick & quiet way to enter your vehicle. Even a crack in the window makes the thief's job so much easier. Take the time to make sure you close everything.

## **Why Auto Burglaries?**

The increase in auto burglaries is part of a national trend. The reason auto burglaries are prolific is because people make it far too easy for a thief to gain access to their vehicle and make it so tempting by leaving valuables in plain view.

### **Common Items Stolen**

You might be surprised just what thieves are looking for, or what victims make readily available:

Cameras

GPS Devices

MP3 Players

Lap-top Computer

Money

Purses/Briefcase

Cell Phones

Fast-Track Devices

Garage Door Openers

Gym Bags

YOU NAME IT...

## **Location, Location, Location**

You can often choose where you park your vehicle. It is important to take care where park. Thieves are looking for vehicles they can enter with the least possibility of someone watching and thereby alerting authorities.

Here are a few helpful reminders:

### **Don't**

- park where others cannot see your vehicle, such as behind buildings, shrubbery, landscaping berms or large vehicles.

### **Do**

- park in well lit areas
- join a Neighborhood and/or Business Watch Program- Contact the COPPS Unit at (510) 337-8305.
- park where your vehicle is visible to others.
- Call in suspicious activity to the Alameda Police Department (510) 337-8340.