

CAR THEFT FACTS

There are roughly 7,000 motor vehicle thefts and 12,000 thefts from a MV each year in Portland.

Hondas, Subarus and Toyotas from the 1990s are among the most frequently targeted, but any vehicle can be at risk if you leave valuables in your car.

While most stolen vehicles are eventually found, other property taken from vehicles during these crimes is rarely recovered.

PROTECT YOUR CAR



Lock It

Many vehicles that are stolen or "prowled" are unlocked. Do not leave your car running. Securely lock your doors, windows and steering wheel.

Wallets, purses, IDs, keys and smart phones are prime targets for theft. Never leave these items in your car, even for just a minute.

Don't Leave It



Light It

Thieves do not want to be seen!

Look for parking areas that are well-lit. Install motion-sensing lights to cover your driveway.

Thieves look for easy targets.

If you really need to leave something in your car, move it to a hidden location or lock it in your trunk.

Store It



Park It

Cars are at much higher risk for being broken into when parked on the street.

If you can, park in a garage or your driveway.

Cars that have been recently targeted and other vehicles nearby are at increased risk. Let your neighbors know and share these tips with them.

Share It



Report all crimes. For crimes in progress, call 911. After an event, call the non-emergency line at 503-832-3333, or visit www.Portlandoregon.Gov/police. For more information on MV theft see <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/74369>

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