

# Don't let your car be a victim!

San Diego County's  
top crimes are vehicle  
theft and vehicle burglary.

**They can be prevented.**



## PREVENT VEHICLE THEFT

### Other ways to deter thieves:

- Use a brake pedal lock
- Park in a secure garage or gated area when possible
- Always lock your doors
- NEVER leave your keys in the ignition, even for a minute!

## PREVENT VEHICLE BURGLARY

### NEVER leave valuables in view, even if your car is locked!!

- Purses and wallets
- Briefcases/backpacks
- Money/credit cards
- Cell phones
- Sports equipment
- Computers
- CDs
- Cameras
- Clothing

### Other ways to deter thieves from breaking into your car:

- Always lock your car.
- Completely close car windows.
- Take out removable radios/face plates.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Park in attended lots.
- Install an audible alarm.
- Avoid parking between large vehicles.

### Look for people doing suspicious activities such as:

- Pulling on door handles
- Looking into car windows
- Lookouts
- Nervous--looking around, moving slowly or quickly
- Checking for car alarms by bumping or hitting the window or bumpers for sensitivity

### Take extra care in these areas:

- Trolley stations
- Apartment complex parking lots
- Shopping centers
- Fitness center parking lots
- On-street parking at night