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Preventing Vehicle Prowls

In an interview with a prolific car thief and prowler he said, "Keep a clean car", "even leaving a nice jacket in a car will make me target your car."

When you exit your car turn look at it and ask "Can I see anything?" Iphone cord, bag, Radar detector, jacket, money, etc...

Lock your vehicle doors

Keep thieves out of secure parking garages by ensuring doors fully close behind you

Remove or hide anything that a car prowler might mistake as something worth stealing

If valuables must be left behind, hide them out of sight

Remote controls for garages should never be left inside parked vehicles

If you park on the street, choose a well-lit, open space

Ensure area around residence has the tree's trimmed up and bushes trimmed down

Make sure exterior lighting works well and places light on parking, walkways and approaches to the residence

If you notice a street light is out call Public Works at 360-778-7700

If city owned vegetation is blocking a sidewalk or lights also call 360-778-7700

Call 911 on suspicious persons

Get to know your neighbors. Let them know when you are gone.

Buy a secure locking container for inside your vehicle if you need to leave valuables behind. Many companies make underseat safes, or reinforced glovebox covers that can help protect your property.