



OGUNQUIT POLICE DEPARTMENT



A few common sense steps can help you reduce the chances of becoming a victim of auto theft or auto burglary

- Never leave your car running and unattended, even to dash into a business.
- Never leave your keys in the car or ignition, even inside a locked garage.
- Always roll up your windows and lock the car, even if it is in front of your home.
- Never leave valuables in plain view, even if your car is locked. Put them in your trunk out of sight.
- Always park in a well-lighted area if possible.
- Install a mechanical device that locks to the steering wheel column or break pedal to prevent the wheel from being turned more than a few degrees. Commonly called clubs, collars, or J-bars, these devices can act as a highly visible physical deterrent if installed properly.
- If you use valet parking, leave just the ignition key with the attendant. Make sure no identifying information is attached to the key. Do the same when you take your car for repairs.
- If you park in a fee garage, take the pay-ticket with you. It's the thief's ticket out of the garage, too.
- Carry your driver's license, registration, and insurance card with you. Don't leave personal identification documents or credit cards in your vehicle.

OUTDOOR PERSONAL SAFETY

- Carry your purse very close to you—don't dangle it from your arm. Never leave your purse in a shopping cart.
- Don't carry more cash than is necessary.
- Avoid walking alone at night. Try to have a friend accompany you—even during daylight hours.
- Stay alert and know what is going on around you.
- If you are attacked on the street, make as much noise as possible by calling for help or blowing a whistle. Do not pursue your attacker. Call 911 as soon as possible.



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IF YOU ARE AT HOME

- If you arrive at home and suspect a stranger may be inside, **DON'T GO IN.**
Leave quietly and call 911.
- If you are at home and think you hear someone trying to get in to your home or your vehicle, call 911.



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ITEM IDENTIFICATION

What identification number should I use?

- Mark your valuables by inscribing your driver's license number or your state identification card number.

What property should I engrave? *

- All items that might be attractive to a thief, such as radios, televisions, camera equipment, stereos, small appliances, tools and sporting equipment should be marked.
- Small or very valuable items such as jewelry or antiques can either be marked by a jeweler or photographed for identification purposes.

Where do I get an engraver?

- You can purchase an engraver at hardware, department, and variety stores. They are relatively inexpensive.

Where should I make the engraving?

- The purpose of engraving is to warn burglars away. Do not try to hide the fact that an item has been engraved. Mark item as conspicuously as possible without defacing them. Make sure it is permanently affixed to the item and not on removable parts. For further protection, engrave some items a second time in a more obscure spot.

How do I keep an inventory of the engraved item?

- Make a list of the engraved items, including the make, model, size, color, and serial number if applicable. Record the exact spots where you engraved the items. Also, keep a list of serial numbers of items you do not engrave, such as guns, antiques, etc.
- You should keep this record at home for reference and additions. Also keep a copy in a secure place such as a safe deposit box.
- DO NOT keep your inventory list where burglars can find it.

* A permanent marker can be substituted for an engraver if desired.