



## Report the Break-In

If your car is broken into, call the Oakland Police Department non-emergency number or file a report online. In your report, include a list and estimated value of the stolen items as well as the serial numbers of any stolen electronics. Cancel stolen credit cards as soon as you can.

Call 9-1-1 if you see a break-in happening, and provide your location and a description of the suspect, if possible.

**Your safety is paramount and you should not put yourself in danger attempting to obtain reporting information.**

Suspects have been known to use violence against people when they are confronted and they could also be carrying weapons

## Auto Burglaries can lead to other crimes

Garage door openers are easy to forget about, but thieves are on the lookout for them. Garage door openers, house keys or vehicle registrations left in your car can lead to identity theft and residential burglary.

Auto burglaries can also lead to auto theft if the thieves can find an opportunity to turn the vehicle on and take it.



**Oakland Police Department**  
455 7th Street  
Oakland, CA 94607

[www.oaklandca.gov/departments/police](http://www.oaklandca.gov/departments/police)

### Emergency

911

**Non Emergency**  
(510) 777-3333

### Text-To-911

Enter 911 without spaces or hyphens and text the reason for your emergency.

### Report Online

You can file a Vehicle Burglary report on the City of Oakland website

[www.oaklandca.gov/services/report-a-crime-online](http://www.oaklandca.gov/services/report-a-crime-online)

or by scanning the QR Code below



# Oakland Police Department How to Prevent Auto Burglary Resource Card



**Report Auto Burglary**  
**OPD Non-Emergency**  
**(510)777-3333**

## Keep your car doors locked and windows closed

Did you know it takes less than 30 seconds to break into a car, grab what is in plain view, check the usual hiding places for other items, and get away? Most thefts occur when valuables are left unattended.

One of the simplest ways to protect your car is to lock the doors and close the windows anytime you aren't in the vehicle.

## Never leave items in sight and always take valuables with you

A cell phone charger, cheap sunglasses or an empty grocery bag—Even if the items are of relatively little value to you, they could be a temptation for a thief. What's more, that thief might see those items as an indication that you have possessions of greater value hidden elsewhere in your car.

## Leave the Luggage

OPD recommends that travelers drop their luggage, jewelry, and other valuables, including passports and important documents, at their hotel instead of keeping them in their car.

## Turn off Bluetooth

If you must leave behind any electronics, turn off their Bluetooth before tucking them away in the trunk. Burglars can use a Bluetooth scanner to see what's inside your vehicle and make off with your computer, tablet, or other gadget.



# LOCK IT OR LOSE IT



- Purses
- Money
- Keys & Remotes
- Cell Phones & Chargers
- GPS
- CDs and CD cases
- Firearms
- Gym Bags
- Jewelry
- Garage Door Openers
- Briefcases
- Check Books
- Tools
- Prescription Drugs
- Cameras
- Credit/Debit Cards
- Computers
- Electronics

## Secure your car keys

Having access to a key is the simplest way a thief can steal a vehicle. Never leave your keys in your vehicle, even if you're just running out for a minute or two.

And be careful of where you keep your spare key.

Thanks to the new push-start features, a thief wouldn't even have to find the key in the vehicle to drive away with it -- it would be enough that the key was there.

## Activate your car alarm

Most cars today come with a built-in alarm system. If your car doesn't have a built-in alarm or you don't feel that it's sufficient, you can also purchase an aftermarket alarm.

## Assume that thieves are watching.

If you have no choice but to keep some items in your trunk, stash them there before you arrive at your destination so that no one sees what you've tucked away.

## Be cautious about where you park your car.

Smash-and-grabs can happen almost anywhere, anytime. But certain locations can leave you more vulnerable to the crime than others. Try to park in busy, well-lit areas, rather than under overpasses or shady trees. The more visible your car is to the public, the harder it is for a thief to carry out a crime discreetly. Many vehicle burglaries occur at night.

