

**EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT  
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TIPS ON PREVENTING THEFTS OF PERSONAL ITEMS FROM VEHICLES**

The following tips will help prevent thefts from vehicles.

1. Always lock your vehicle when it is parked. It is amazing how many people do not lock their vehicles. These criminals prey on the easy victim. By simply locking your vehicle the criminal will usually move on to the next vehicle.
2. Take anything of value out of your vehicle. Do not leave purses or wallets in your vehicle. If your purse or wallet is taken you could become the victim of other crimes such as stolen checks, credit cards or even identity theft.
3. "Out of Sight-Out of Mind". Place all personal belongings underneath the seat, or out of sight. If it is not feasible to take your items (compact disc case, portable compact disc player, etc.) out of the car, get them out of sight.
4. Park your vehicle in your garage. If you have a garage or access to a garage, use it! Then lock the garage! If you have an attached garage make sure the door between the house and garage is always locked. If your garage door opener is stolen from your vehicle, you risk giving the criminal access to your entire home.
5. If you are a victim, make the report. It is difficult for the department to analyze crime trends and patterns when thefts from vehicles go unreported. Even if you do not want the crime investigated, you should take the time to report it to the police.

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