



Raleigh Police Northwest District

Don't be a Victim: Tips to Prevent Burglaries to your Home and Vehicle

Vehicles:

- Always lock your vehicle, remove valuables or hide them out of sight. Items such as GPS units, wallets, currency, cellular telephones/smart phones, digital media players and golf clubs are frequently stolen in criminal activity.
- Try to park your vehicle in a lighted, highly visible area. If you have a garage, utilize it or park your vehicle in the driveway as close to the garage door as possible.

Homes:

- Keep all of your windows and doors locked.
- Keep your garage door closed when not in use.
- Disable automatic garage door openers when asleep or away so they do not faultily open due to weather, power surges, etc.
- Keep vegetation landscaped, especially around windows and doors to eliminate hiding places.
- Ensure that there is ample exterior lighting around your home.
- Get to know your neighbors; ask them to keep watch over your home in your absence and gather the mail, newspapers, etc.
- Always give as much detail as possible when describing suspicious persons and vehicles.
- No piece of property is worth your safety: **NEVER APPROACH A SUSPECT.**