

How can Auto Burglary lead to Residential Burglary?

Garage door opener or
House key in car

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Registration or Mail in car

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Home Burglary



Mission Statement

We, the Egg Harbor Township Police Department, are committed to providing the highest quality of police services by empowering our members and the community to work in partnership with the goal of improving the quality of life within Egg Harbor Township, while at the same time maintaining respect for individual rights and human dignity.

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Is this what *your* vehicle
looks like to a thief?

VEHICLE SECURITY TIPS:

Reduce the chance of your
vehicle being burglarized.

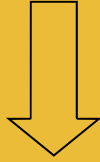
Other Things You Can Do:

- Join a Neighborhood Watch. When neighbors look out for each other it makes it much more difficult for thieves to commit crimes that go unnoticed.
- Always report suspicious activity to the Police.
- If you see something you think is not quite right, but you are not sure, err on the side of caution, call the police and let them sort it out.
- Utilize the Operation ID Program. With an electric engraver, etch your driver's license number (preceded by the letters "NJ") on valuable items.
- Keep your registration and insurance card in your wallet or purse, not in your car.
- Never place hidden keys in the car.
- Never leave your car unattended with the engine running, even if only "for a moment."

CAR THIEVES LIKE TO WINDOW SHOP AS WELL.

KEEP IT SAFE. KEEP IT HIDDEN. KEEP IT LOCKED.

LET'S DRIVE CRIME DOWN



Don't leave anything on display (even when you park in your driveway). That includes a jacket on the back seat, loose change in the ashtray, a check book in the glove box, or mail with your address on it under the seat.

Remember: Thieves know all the usual hiding places!

What Items Are Most Commonly Stolen from Vehicles?

- Cash and change
- CD's and CD cases
- Electronic games and equipment
- Stereos and faceplates
- Keys
- Cell phones and Chargers
- Wallets, purses, gym bags, & backpacks
- Tools
- Garage door openers
- Mail
- Jewelry
- Gifts and bags

What steps Can I Take To Prevent Becoming a Victim?

Remove visible items from your vehicle.

- If you leave items visible in your car, you are a target.
- Be aware that someone may be watching as you put a wallet, purse, or cell phone under your seat. Take these with you.
- Keep your garage door remote out of plain view, and if stolen, change the remote control frequency.
- If you have a pullout stereo, take it with you. If you have a detachable faceplate stereo, take the faceplate with you.
- Do not leave money in your ashtray.

Lock Up!

- Lock your vehicle and take your keys, even if you are making a quick stop at the gas station or convenience store.
- Lock the trunk, hatchback or tailgate.
- Close all windows, including vent or wing windows and sunroofs.
- Buy an alarm and use it! Criminals will choose the easiest target. If they have two cars to choose from—one with an alarm and one without—they will burglarize the one without.
- Lock all valuables in your trunk or take them with you.

Park Safely!

- At home, park in your garage if you have one. Lock your car and all garage doors.
- Park in your driveway.
- If your car is stored in a carport or parked near your house, leave your exterior lights on throughout the night.
- Consider replacing the light fixture closest to your car with a motion detector unit. Motion detectors are a good psychological deterrents since the normal assumption of a person seeing a light come on is that someone has seen them. Additionally the light makes the prowler more visible.
- If you must park in the street, choose a well-lit, open space even if it means adding additional lighting & trimming back trees/bushes that block your view of your vehicle.
- When away, park in a lot where you don't have to leave your keys.
- Never attach a tag with your name and address to your key ring. If the keys are lost or stolen, the tag will lead the thief directly to your car and *your home*. If you must leave your keys with a parking attendant, leave only the ignition key.
- At night park in well-lit areas with lots of people around.