



**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

CHAD CHRONISTER, SHERIFF

Criminals target unlocked vehicles in residential neighborhoods for burglary and theft.

Follow these important guidelines to protect yourself from becoming a victim:

✓ **Lock your vehicle doors at all times, especially during overnight hours.** Burglars walk neighborhoods at night and early morning hours to quietly check for unlocked vehicle doors.

✓ **Do not leave extra vehicle remote controls, key fobs, or handheld garage door openers in the center console, glove box, or vehicle interior.** These devices allow a burglar to steal vehicles in your driveway and possibly gain access to your garage.

✓ **Do not leave vehicle keys or remote controls hanging in plain view on a pegboard or laying in a bowl near the entrance to your home.** Burglars who break into homes often locate keys left in plain view and steal any vehicle they match in the garage or driveway.

By following these basic crime prevention recommendations, you can protect your valuables and help law enforcement drastically reduce the amount of crime in our neighborhoods.

Thank you for being one of our community partners in the fight against crime.

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