

HARLINGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Preventing Burglary of a Motor vehicle

The Harlingen Police Department wants our community to be safe! Burglary of a motor vehicle is a crime of opportunity. By practicing the following crime prevention tips you can help reduce the chances of becoming a victim and protect your vehicle and personal property:

- Always **Be Aware** of your surroundings
- Park in well-lighted areas near other vehicles
- Park in the high traffic areas of a parking lot
- Do not jeopardize safety for convenience
- **LOCK, TAKE, HIDE** - Make sure you **lock** your vehicle (securing all doors and windows). Many vehicle burglaries occur because the vehicle was unsecured. Make sure to **take** and secure your keys. **Hide** your belongings (remove or hide all interior valuables such as cell-phones, laptops, wallets purses, from plain view)
- **Notify local Law Enforcement** if you notice anyone acting suspicious or hanging around the parking lot

Always remember that **YOU** are an important partner in the fight against crime



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