

# TLC BENEFITS YOU

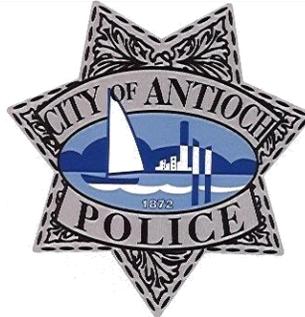
When you practice a little **TLC**, you help yourself and our community.

- Your windows don't get broken.
- Your insurance rates don't go up.
- Your city has a lower crime rate.
- You don't have to replace stolen items.
- You don't have to order another driver's license, credit cards, etc.
- You don't have to pay for expensive repairs.
- You don't expose yourself to identify theft.
- You don't have to wait for insurance reimbursement.
- You don't have to wait for car repairs.
- You don't have to pay any insurance deductible.
- You don't lose irreplaceable items.
- There is no broken glass to clean up.

*Good for you  
....good for our  
community!*

## OTHER TIPS

- Mark your valuables.
- Record your VIN (*Vehicle Identification Number*) and/or license plate.
- Use anti-theft devices.
- Share only your "valet" key.
- Don't have a key ring with any personal information on it.
- Report any and all suspicious activity to the Antioch Police Department.



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## PREVENT AUTO BURGLARIES

*Practice a little...*



- **T**ake out valuables.
- **L**ock your vehicle.
- **C**lose windows and doors.

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## AUTO BURGLARY AND THEFTS FROM VEHICLES ARE PREVENTABLE

Most thefts from vehicles are preventable. A few simple steps can reduce your risk of losing your property and having your car damaged. Follow these steps to keep your car and its contents safer. Make it a habit to protect yourself and help reduce crime in Antioch.

### PRACTICE T. L. C.

#### Take Out Valuables

If you can leave your valuables at home, do so. Otherwise, when you get to your destination, take any valuables with you. If you have to leave them in your vehicle, place them in your trunk **before** you get to your destination.

#### Lock your Vehicle

No need to say more.



#### Close Doors and Windows

An open door or window allows a thief a quick and quiet way to enter your vehicle. Even a window that is open just a crack makes the thief's job so much easier. Take the time to make sure you close **everything**.

## Why are vehicles burglarized?

The reason vehicle burglaries happen so often is because people make it easier for thieves. Far too often we leave valuable items in plain view. Thieves can quickly enter an open or unlocked vehicle without appearing suspicious. Increasingly, thieves are using personal information found in vehicles to commit identity theft.

## What items are often stolen?

You might be surprised by what thieves are looking for and what victims make easily available to them:

- *iPhones or other cell phones*
- *Laptop computers*
- *Mail, address books, receipts*
- *Purses or wallets*
- *Vehicle registration*
- *Shopping bags and contents*
- *Gym bags*
- *Jackets or other clothing of value*
- *Briefcases or bags*
- *Garage door openers*
- *Luggage*
- *Money or loose change*
- *Cameras*
- *Various electronic devices*



## Location, Location, Location

You choose where you park your vehicle. It is important to take care where you park. Thieves are looking for vehicles they can enter with the least possibility of someone watching and alerting authorities.

Ideally, the best place to park is in your locked garage. Otherwise, here are other important factors to consider:

### *Don't*

- Don't park where others cannot see your vehicle, such as behind buildings, shrubbery, landscaping berms, or large vehicles.
- Don't park in all-day unattended parking areas.

### *Do*

- Do park in well lit areas.
- Do park where your vehicle is visible to others.
- Do join a Neighborhood and/or Business Watch group.