

Theft from Vehicle Prevention Tips



The Derby Police Department needs your help to reduce the number of thefts from motor vehicles.

Theft from motor vehicles is a crime that can happen anywhere, including the City of Derby. In 2014, there were more than 60 thefts from motor vehicles reported to the Derby Police Department. In 2015, the number of reported thefts from motor vehicles is on pace to more than double.

Reduce your chances of being the victim of theft by following these simple guidelines:

- Lock your vehicle, close all windows and sun roof and take your keys.
- Never hide a second set of keys in or on your vehicle. Thieves know all the hiding places.
- Remove valuables, such as cash, stereo face plates and phones.
- Consider engraving expensive accessories.
- Park in well-lighted areas with frequent pedestrian traffic.
- Never leave your vehicle running unattended. Vehicles are commonly stolen at ATMs or convenience stores.
- If your vehicle has an alarm or other anti-theft device, use it.

These tips can help, but not guarantee that your automobile will be safe from theft.

If your automobile is stolen or broken into, call 911 immediately.

Methods of Entry Into Vehicles

- Breaking glass
- Sliding windows
- Window vents
- Windows down
- Unlocked doors
- Sunroofs
- Convertibles



Items to Avoid Leaving in View

- Phones
- Radar detectors
- Pagers
- Computers/laptops
- Cigarettes
- Money/loose change/credit cards
- Weapons
- CDs/DVDs

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