



Department of Public Safety

Crime Prevention Strategies

Thefts from Motor Vehicles

The Bucknell University Department of Public Safety is committed to providing 24-hour safety, and security service and support to our community. One of our main goals and partnership objectives is Campus Crime Prevention.

We are distributing this information in order to increase awareness of crime prevention and reporting strategies regarding "theft from motor vehicle" incidents. To assist us in preventing this type of offense and making our community a safer place, we are encouraging everyone to practice simple preventative measures when parking and leaving a vehicle in the streets or other parking locations.

SIMPLE TIPS TO HELP DETER THEFTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES

DO NOT...leave your vehicle unlocked when you are away from it, even for only a short period. Make sure all windows and doors are secured before leaving the vehicle.

BE AWARE! It is an offense to leave your vehicle unsecured and unattended.

PROTECT YOUR VALUABLES. Do not leave your property (including iPods, GPS's, electronics or purses) in plain view inside your vehicle, even when it is locked. Take your valuables with you or secure them in the glove compartment, center console or in the trunk.

LOCK ALL WINDOWS AND DOORS. When you are in your vehicle, whether driving or waiting, make sure all the windows and doors are locked. This will make it difficult for opportunistic thieves to open the doors while you are stopped at traffic lights or waiting in a parking area.

ENGRAVE YOUR PROPERTY with your name or driver's license and make a list of the serial number/s of your property.

DO NOT... leave identification, important papers and credit cards in your vehicle.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT... for anyone who is acting suspiciously or looks out of place (ie. looking in windows or checking parked vehicles). Make a note of the person's appearance, clothing and call Public Safety or the police immediately. You can also report any crime or suspicious activities anonymously at <http://www.bucknell.edu/x6442.xml>