

Common Items Stolen

- *GPS Devices*
- *Mobile Phones*
- *Laptops*
- *Tools*
- *CD's*
- *Car Stereos*
- *Purses*
- *Briefcases*
- *Checkbooks*
- *Loose Change*
- *Shopping Bags*
- *Sunglasses*



To report suspicious activity,
file a police report,
or request police service

Dial 911

Mount Prospect
Police Department

112 E. Northwest Hwy.
Mount Prospect, IL 60056
847-870-5656

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For more crime prevention tips
contact the:

Mount Prospect Police
Crime Prevention Unit
847-870-5650



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STOW IT



***Don't
Show It***

*Thefts from motor
vehicles represent a
large percentage of
property crimes
reported in
Mount Prospect*

Mount Prospect Police Department

STOW IT!

Don't Show It!

Thefts from vehicles
can be prevented!

Don't Be a Victim!

Secure Your Vehicle

Car burglars will seize the opportunity to enter unlocked vehicles. Don't make your car an easy target by leaving your car doors unlocked.

- Always lock your doors.
- Don't forget to close windows and sun-roofs.
- Park in a well-lit parking area.
- Spare car keys should not be stored in or on your car; thieves know where to look.
- Never leave children or pets unattended in the vehicle.
- Consider installing a car alarm or security device on your vehicle.

Don't Leave Valuables In View

Take extra precautions to avoid a criminal window-shopping inside your car. Never give thieves a reason to break into your vehicle and steal your belongings.



- Don't leave possessions on the passenger seat.
- Never hide expensive possessions under the seats, as this is the first place burglars check for stored items.
- Never attempt to cover valuable items left on the seat or floorboard of your car; blankets and articles of clothing present a hidden clue to thieves that items may be underneath.
- Do not leave any important documents in your car that contain your personal information.
- Place any property in the trunk before you get to your next destination.

If You Become A Victim

- Do not touch your vehicle before it can be processed for possible evidence.
- Notify the police department as soon as possible.
- Provide the police department with a detailed list of any missing items including make, model, serial number, color and value.
- Report any and all incidents of burglaries from auto, even if there is no loss, evidence or suspect information. Police reports help analyze crime patterns and develop strategies for reducing future incidents.

Shopping Tips

Don't let busy shopping habits leave you vulnerable to theft or other crimes of opportunity.

- Always stay alert to your surroundings.
- Never distract yourself by placing belongings in your vehicle while talking on a cell phone.
- Don't make unnecessary trips to put away packages inside your vehicle. Remember, you may not see a criminal but a criminal may see you.
- Never use the excuse, "I'll only be gone a few minutes" to not lock your vehicle.

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