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## VEHICLE THEFT

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### VEHICLE THEFT IS USUALLY A CRIME OF OPPORTUNITY

It can happen – and happen fast! An empty car left running can be stolen in just 30 seconds.

No geographic area or vehicle make / model is immune to theft, including in Attleboro.

### ATTLEBORO TRENDS IN 2021

- 27 vehicles were reported stolen.
- 70% of those vehicles were left unlocked.
- 67% of stolen vehicles were 10+ years old
- 40% of vehicles were trucks / vans / SUVs
- Only 41% of vehicles were recovered.

### PREVENTING AUTO THEFT

Always lock your vehicle.

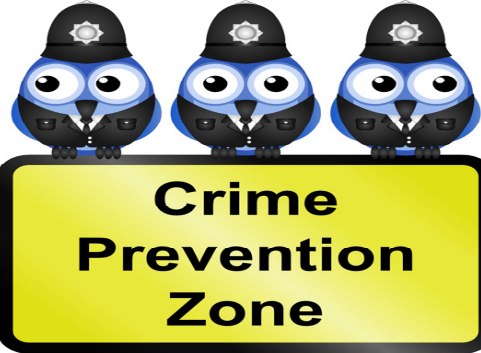
Park in a well-lit area or garage.

Keep all keys out of your vehicles.

Invest in an audible / visible deterrent.

Never leave a running vehicle unattended.

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### WHY AM I RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION?

The region is experiencing a recent surge in car crimes and the Attleboro Police Department is asking our residents and business owners to do their part in securing their vehicles. While arresting suspects has immediate benefits, there are always several other perpetrators ready to take their place.

Make it more difficult to commit such crimes by improving surveillance and guardianship over parking areas and encourage patrons to securely stow their belongings in the trunk of their vehicle. Above all else, please do not store keys or any other valuables in your vehicle.

For more information and help with the prevention of car crimes, please contact Attleboro PD's Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Unit at

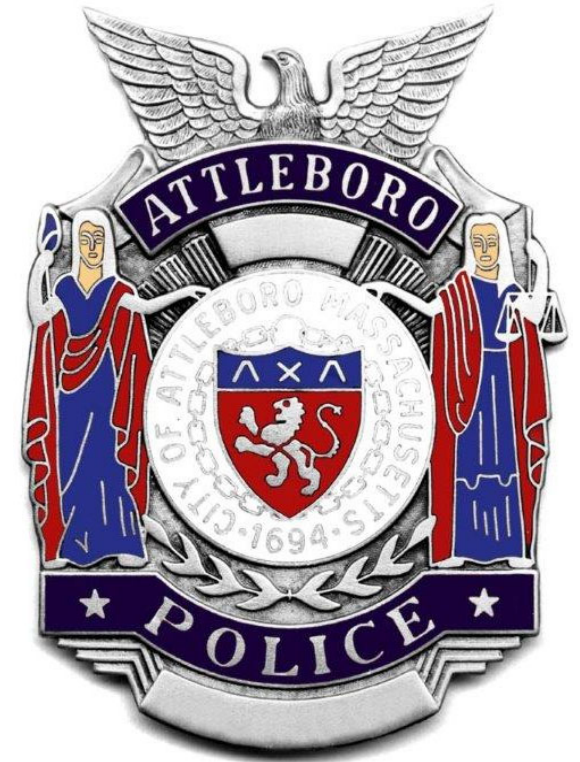
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# Car Crimes

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## WHAT IS CAR CRIME?

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### UNDERSTANDING CAR CRIME

Car Crime is an umbrella term that includes several different car-related offenses such as:

- Auto Theft
- Theft of Items from Inside a Vehicle
- Theft of Car Parts and Accessories
- Vandalism

It not only affects city residents, commuters and shoppers, but also city businesses and their employees, customers and owners.



### HOW CAN YOUR COMPLACENCY AFFECT CAR CRIME?

Three elements are needed to commit crime: desire, ability and opportunity. Complacency creates opportunity and ability. If you can remove the opportunity or the ability, you can help prevent car crime.

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**SEE SOMETHING,  
PLEASE SAY SOMETHING!**

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## THEFT FROM VEHICLES

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### THEFT FROM A VEHICLE IS ALWAYS A CRIME OF OPPORTUNITY

Large parking locations like shopping centers, housing communities, parks and schools are always prime targets since multiple vehicles can be targeted in a short time span.

If you leave items visible in your vehicle, you are a target. Be aware that someone else may be watching as you put your purse, phone or wallet under your seat, especially at the gym.

Items most commonly stolen include purses, wallets, checkbooks, change and cellphones.

### ATTLEBORO TRENDS IN 2021

- Thefts from vehicles climbed by 40%.
- 80% of vehicles were left unlocked.
- 79% of thefts occurred from dusk to dawn.
- Over 40% of thefts were in South Attleboro.



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**LOCK IT!  
HIDE IT!  
KEEP IT!**

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## THEFT OF CAR PARTS

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### VEHICLE PARTS MOST STOLEN

Tires and Rims	License Plates
Tailgates	Airbags
Catalytic Converters	



### PARTS GREATER THAN THE WHOLE

An ever-increasing number of vehicle accidents has helped the black-market for stolen goods flourish. While entire vehicles can be stolen for their parts, thieves will more often strip the parts wherever the car is parked.

The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) looked at the cost of replacement parts for the top stolen 2016 models finding:

- Toyota Camry (15 parts) valued at \$11,000
- Nissan Altima (14 parts) valued at \$14,000
- GMC Sierra had 20 parts worth \$21,000

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**CRIME...REPORT IT,  
DON'T SUPPORT IT!**