



LIKE IT?? LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!!

UNIVERSITY PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME PREVENTION

You really like that new set of golf clubs don't you? And how about that shiny new laptop? Well, if you like it ... chances are a burglar would like it too.

During recent months University Park, like many DFW area cities, has seen an increase in the number of criminal offenses involving vehicle burglaries and thefts of vehicle parts. These offenses are occurring in all areas of the City and are not limited to a specific time of day or day of the week. One thing many of them do have in common is that the vehicle was left unlocked.

DON'T BE THE NEXT CAR BURGLARY VICTIM

- Lock your vehicle
- Don't keep valuables visible in your vehicle - take them inside
- Don't leave purses or wallets in your vehicle when at the gym or track
- If you can't take valuables inside, store them out of sight in the trunk or locked glove box **BEFORE** you reach your destination
- Try to park in busy, well lighted areas
- If you have a vehicle alarm system—use it

Since the beginning of this year, 119 offenses involving vehicle burglaries and numerous thefts of auto parts from vehicles have been reported to the University Park Police Department. These offenses involved the loss of over \$95,000 in stolen property. The items stolen include purses, clothing, money, electronics, sunglasses, third row seats, garage door openers, tools, prescription drugs, golf clubs, etc.

Burglary of a motor vehicle is most often a crime of opportunity. Don't tempt a potential thief—lock your car. Report suspicious persons and activity to the police.