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Auto Theft and Crime Prevention Tips

Glendale, and the Milwaukee area in general, has seen an increase in motor vehicle thefts and entry to vehicles in our residential areas. The vast majority of these incidents are crimes of opportunity where the suspects are targeting unlocked vehicles and those vehicles with the keys or other valuables left inside the vehicle. The more you can do to reduce the opportunity for your vehicle to be stolen or entered, the less likely your chances are of becoming a victim.

Hyundai and KIA models are being stolen at an alarming rate due to the ease of bypassing the ignition system. Purchasing a visible anti-theft device like a steering wheel lock will help deter would be car thieves.

Park your vehicle in the garage, make sure the garage door is kept closed and doors to the garage locked. If you do not have a garage, make sure your driveway is well-illuminated during hours of darkness.

If you have multiple vehicles and driveway space, park your cars so that higher value targets are more difficult to drive away. This can be done by parking a vehicle less likely to be stolen behind your more valuable vehicle.

Be aware of your surroundings and watch out for your neighbors. If you see strangers walking through you or your neighbor's yard or driveway, call the police right away.

The Police Department would like to remind community members of some basic crime prevention tips to help prevent these types of occurrences.

Vehicle Related

- Lock your vehicle and remove any valuables.
- Never leave your keys or key fobs in your vehicle.
- Never leave your vehicle running unattended.
- Be aware of your surroundings when entering or exiting your vehicle.

Residence Related

- Lock your doors when away or before going to sleep.
- Lock your door from an attached garage into your residence.
- Keep exterior lights on overnight.
- Never leave wallets, purses, keys or other valuables visible from the outside.

- Be aware of your surroundings and help watch out for your neighbors.
- Close and lock first floor windows or consider additional security measures.

If you see or hear anything suspicious, please call 911 right away.

The Glendale Police Department is available to conduct a home crime prevention survey, please call 228-1753 to schedule.