

PROTECTING YOUR GARAGE

**Almost all garage burglaries occur
in OPEN garages.**

**If the thief doesn't know you have it,
the thief won't try to steal it.**

- Keep your garage doors closed except when you are actually taking something in or out.
- If you can't keep valuable items in your garage, put them behind your garage out of sight.
- Keep it locked. Padlock the locking slide bar when you're on vacation.
- Keep locking mechanisms and door track in good repair and lubricated.
- Replace hollow core house entry doors with solid core doors with deadbolt locks.
- Secure windows with removable screws. Permanently secure windows that you don't need to open.
- Use a random code garage door opener on a separate power switch.
- Remember that an attached garage can provide excellent cover for a burglar to gain entrance to your home.
- Keep outdoor lights on all night - or install a motion-activated light.

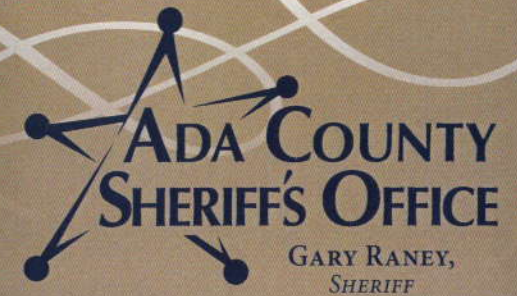


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PROTECTING YOUR AUTOMOBILE AND GARAGE

Keeping the criminal
out of your car
and your garage

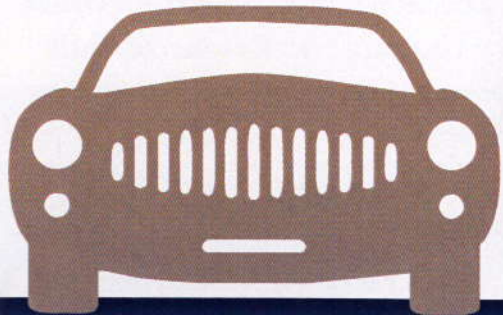
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Vehicle burglaries are the #1 most common crime in Ada County. Home burglaries and thefts are the second.

- There were more than 1,000 reported vehicle and residential burglaries and thefts in Ada County last year.
- 70% of all vehicle burglaries are committed on vehicles with **unlocked doors or windows.**
- 60% are committed on vehicles that have **valuables in plain view.**
- Many burglaries are crimes of opportunity committed by juveniles who see an easy target and decide to take advantage of someone's carelessness.
- Many professional criminals, knowing that the risks are low and the rewards high, simply walk through neighborhoods looking for unlocked cars or for valuables left in plain view.



VEHICLE BURGLARY IS AN EASY CRIME FOR YOU TO PREVENT!

Popular items stolen include:

- **Purses and briefcases/Personal identifying information**
- **Day planners**
- **Compact disks**
- **Cellular phones**
- **Car stereos/speaker systems**
- **Packages and groceries**
- **Clothing**
- **Credit cards/Checkbooks**
- **Garage door openers**

What if he gets your garage door opener and your address from your vehicle registration that is in your unlocked glove compartment?

Vehicle burglaries are not only one of the most common crimes committed but also the most easily prevented.



PROTECTING YOUR CAR AND PROPERTY IS UP TO YOU!!

To keep your car secure:

- Always lock all doors.
- Roll up windows tight.
- Park in well lighted areas.
- Don't leave valuables in sight.
- Don't hide spare keys – they can be found.
- Keep your garage door opener with you or well hidden.
- Car alarms are only moderately effective.
- Don't think that it can't happen to you-act before not after the crime.