

## PREVENT CAR BREAK-INS

No neighborhood is immune from car-break ins. It happens all over Franklin County. Most often, car break-ins occur during the early morning hours when the risk of discovery is low. Persons who commit these types of crimes can be juveniles on a dare, or addicts desperate for something to trade or pawn to support their habits.



Car theft/break-in is a serious, but very common crime that many unfortunate people become victim to. Nearly 2.5 million car break-ins are reported every year in this country, which averages out to 281 break-ins every hour.

### Tips:

- Secure your vehicle safely in the garage OR park your vehicle as close to the residence as possible. If you park on the street, park in an area with good visibility and lighting.
- Do not leave anything in your vehicle that would tempt somebody to break in. Remove valuables or secure them out of sight in your trunk.
- If your car stereo has a removable face plate, remove it. Do not leave CDs in the car.
- Lock your car doors. Some thieves go from car to car trying doors. Chances are they will simply move on to the next car.
- Roll all of the windows up all the way.
- Car alarms have proven e effective in preventing these types of thefts.
- Keep your garage door closed!
- DO NOT confront the suspect. DO NOT compromise your safety. If you are in a car, flashing your high beams or honking your horn is enough to alert him of your presence. People will likely not commit crime when they know someone is watching.

### REPORTING:

**889-1231** Report all car break-ins and suspicious vehicles / person to Perry Township Police Department. Remember if you don't report the crime to the police it makes it more difficult to prevent.

**9-1-1** Crimes in progress. Be prepared to give description of the person(s), vehicle, license plate number and any other information that will lead to their apprehension.