

Vehicle prowls are the theft of property from a motor vehicle.



Most are crimes of opportunity through unlocked doors and open windows. Victims can also encounter expensive vehicle damage—especially to their windows, doors, and locks.

Large parking locations like shopping centers, housing communities, parks and schools are prime targets for prowlers since multiple vehicles can be prowled in a short time span. Also, prowlers know the odds are good that someone will leave a door unlocked, a window down, or keys in the ignition.

Unfortunately, vehicle prowls are fairly common. Luckily, they are preventable. This brochure will provide tips to reduce your risk of becoming a victim of a vehicle prowl.

- Lock your doors and roll up your windows.
- Remove your personal property.
- Use anti-theft devices

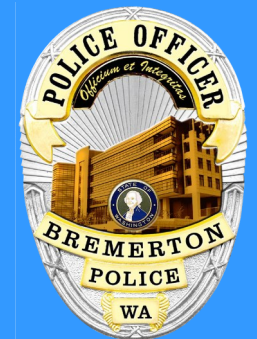
For more information, call the Bremerton Police Community Resource Unit at (360) 473-5231



Vehicle Prowl Prevention

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Parking & Securing Your Vehicle:

- Use a garage or secure location whenever possible.
- Park in well-lit areas where your car can be seen. Avoid isolated areas.
- Do not leave any valuables in plain sight.
- If you hear something suspicious (shattering glass) or see someone looking into a vehicle **call 911**.
- Roll up the windows, lock all doors, and take your keys!
- Secure the trunk, hatches, bed-mounted tool boxes, and canopies.
- Activate your alarm if your vehicle has one.
- Never leave your car idling and unattended.
- Install anti-theft devices.

Remove These Items:

- Cameras
- CD player and CD's
- Cell phones
- Checkbooks
- Clothing
- Credit/debit and gift cards
- Day planner
- Electronic devices
- Garage door opener
- GPS unit
- Jewelry
- Keys
- Laptop computers
- Luggage and bags
- Mail
- Purses
- Receipts/statements
- Store bags or packages
- Tools
- Vehicle insurance, title, and registration information
- Wallets

Do not leave anything in plain sight—remove all valuables every time you park.

Anti-Theft Devices:

- Steering wheel locking devices (such as The Club) are easy to install and inexpensive.
- Car alarms are convenient and effective - Especially if they disable the vehicle's starter when activated.
- Install switches to interrupt the fuel supply or electrical systems.
- Vehicle tracking systems such as OnStar or LoJack.

