



GET TRAINING – We think EVERYONE should have some formal self-defense training from a reputable source. It doesn't have to be a ten-year martial arts black belt course, thought that would be very useful in some circumstances. Training helps you to prepare for an unexpected threat, and it offers you options in responding to any threat.

PERSONAL ALARM – Everyone should carry a personal alarm with them at all times. This small device emits a piercing sound when activated and may dissuade an attacker, and attract assistance at the same time.

PEPPER SPRAY – Consider carrying and training in the use of pepper spray. Pepper spray can be a very effective self-defense tool in a bad situation, and may give you enough time to run to safety.

CONDUCTED ELECTRICAL DEVICE – CED's (more commonly known by the brand name TASER) offer another effective defensive tool in a bad situation. Again, they require training to use them effectively in a stressful situation.

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EZ-DEFENSE PROGRAM

VEHICLE THEFTS



*“Building Safer Neighborhoods by
Collaborating on Community Safety
and Security”*

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DISCOURAGE THIEVES

- Install an alarm and keep it well maintained. Some alarms will even text you when it is activated.
- Install a “Low Jack” or similar electronic GPS tracking device to allow police to track and locate your vehicle if it is ever stolen.
- Lock all doors, activate your vehicle and close all windows and sunroofs when you leave your vehicle, even just for a “short moment.” NEVER leave your keys in the ignition when leaving your vehicle. Do so even when your vehicle is parked in your own garage at home.
- Park in security patrolled garages when possible. If not possible, seek out well travelled and well-lit areas to park in. Look for broken auto-glass on the ground when you park. If you see it, consider moving your vehicle to a street which doesn’t show signs of prior vehicle break-ins.
- Report any, and all, suspicious people in your neighborhood, or in the area where you parked your vehicle. Anyone walking along next to vehicles and peering into each. Anyone on the roadside on a bicycle or in a vehicle doing the same thing.
- Install security cameras at home to survey your property and the street.
- Form a neighborhood watch and post safety zone signs in your street.

DON'T LEAVE THEM ANYTHING OF VALUE

- NEVER, EVER leave anything of value in your vehicle for any reason. If you don't want to lose it – Don't LEAVE it!
- NEVER leave anything visible within the passenger compartment. Loose change, and empty shopping bag, an old sweater, some loose piles of paper – all have been reasons thieves have broken vehicle windows in the past. \$400+ to repair your broken window is rarely worth the value of what you left visible in your vehicle. Stow it or take it with you.
- REMOVE all electronics cables, adaptors and mounts from view as they simply encourage thieves to break you window in the hope of finding the actual device within the vehicle.
- If you MUST leave anything of value in your vehicle for a time, move it to the trunk BEFORE you drive to your destination to park. Thieves often watch victims move valuables to the trunk when they park, and simply wait until the victim leaves before they retrieve the valuables from your trunk.
- DON'T leave anything with your name or home address within the vehicle. Carry a copy of your insurance and registration in your wallet or purse. If your vehicle is stolen, and the thieves are stopped by police, they will have an impossible time identifying the rightful owner of the vehicle.

IF THE WORST HAPPENS

If your vehicle is broken into, or stolen, report the loss immediately to police. Even if they only broke your window but did not take anything, your report will help police build a pattern of where the thefts are occurring and when. That may help them to target certain areas and ultimately identify and arrest the culprits who are often responsible for multiple thefts in the same area.

BE SURE that you have all of your documents at hand so that you can provide the necessary information to police.

Let your neighbors know if your vehicle is targeted as they may well be targeted next, and increased vigilance by your neighbors may help identify the culprits and secure an arrest.

IF YOU SEE A CRIME IN PROGRESS, INCLUDING A VEHICLE BREAK-IN:

CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS, CALL YOUR POLICE AGENCY NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER TO REPORT YOUR CONCERNS.