

Important Information from the Wyomissing Police Department

The Police Department has responded to 5 reports of thefts from vehicle during July 5th.

These incidents occurred on Wickford, Logan and Sturbridge. The Department has recorded 13 previous incidents since February; however the spike in thefts from vehicles in one night has us concerned as the loss is well over \$5,000.

The Police Department is seeking your assistance in preventing these crimes.

Theft from Vehicle Prevention Tips

Don't let your vehicle be a target!

Your vehicle does not have to be new or old; it is what's inside that is of interest to would be thieves.

Here are a few tips to make your car less appealing to a thief:

- **LOCK YOUR CAR**. Many of our reported thefts are simply the result of someone randomly pulling on car doors hoping to find them unlocked. A locked vehicle however does not guarantee the actor won't break a window, if the reward waiting inside is worth the effort.
- Don't leave valuables in sight. Briefcases, purses, computers, gym bags, wallets containing credit cards and large amounts of cash. Even loose change is tempting to someone who desperately needs quick money.
- Take valuables with you, or lock them in your trunk before you reach your destination. Better yet, do not take them at all; leave them at home.
- Don't hide extra car keys on the outside of your vehicle. A determined thief will find them.
- Park in a well-lit, public area. Try to avoid parking in secluded areas.
- Always be aware of your surroundings and the people milling around you. Someone may be watching and waiting for you to leave your vehicle.

If you see any suspicious person or activity, call 9-1-1 immediately.