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Keep Your Property Safe, Don't let Theft Opportunity Find You

Vehicle Safety Tips:

- Do not leave items of value visible in a parked car.
- Park in well-lighted areas designated for parking.
- Look into and around your vehicle before entering it.
- Drive on well-traveled streets.
- Keep all doors locked.

Property Safety Tips:

- **AVOID THEFTS OF OPPORTUNITY...** Opportunity theft is the direct result of property and valuables left unattended and unsecured, even for short periods of time, which provides a thief with the opportunity to steal your valuables. Opportunity thefts are the most preventable crimes that occur;
- Never leave personal property such as books, wallets, pocketbooks, cash, jewelry, or bicycles unattended and unsecured;
- Never leave laptop computers, cell phones, and other items of value unattended Lock the doors to your home and/or office when you leave, even if it is only for a few minutes. Most reported thefts occur in unlocked areas;
- Make sure your garage doors are closed at all times. Leaving doors open allows thieves easy access to tools and other valuables.
- Mark your valuables in some distinctive fashion.

Identity Theft:

- Do not give out personally identifiable information over the phone or Internet, such as bank account numbers and social security numbers.
- Only shop with companies you know. Always use a secure browser.
- Limit personal information on necessary public distribution items (checks, business cards).

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