**Did you know? Every Five Minutes a Car is Stolen in Texas**

**Use these Safe AUTO Tips**

**A**lways lock your car, even when you will be gone only a few seconds. Don’t leave any window open or even cracked open, including vent/wing windows and sunroofs. Set any alarm or anti-theft device.

**U**nload your valuables immediately when you get out, including your phone and garage remote. Do not store valuables in your car for any length of time and never overnight.

**T**ake anything that might tempt a thief: loose coins/money, docking station, loose cables, cameras, laptops, CDs, briefcase. If you have an after-market stereo/CD player with a removable faceplate, remove it. Without the faceplate, the unit is less attractive/useful to many thieves, and harder to “fence.” If the unit can be removed, do so.

**O**pportunity. Stop and double-check before you step away from your car. Did you miss anything that might tell a thief to take a second look at your car? Remember, without a clear prize in sight, a locked and possibly armed automobile will likely be bypassed for an easier “target of opportunity.”

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Vehicles are expensive and valuable property best protected when kept in a home’s garage. When automobiles are parked in the driveway or on the street, removing valuables and locking the doors is a must. Install motion-activated lights on the exterior of your garage and turn on your porch light.

LOCK IT or LOSE IT