

## Reporting Auto Break-Ins

If you witness an auto break-in in progress, call 911 to report the crime. When talking to the dispatcher try and give as much information as possible such as the location and address of the incident, a description of the suspect, the direction the suspect fled, a description of the auto that the suspect fled in, and a description of the victim's vehicle.

If you need to report an auto break-in that has already occurred, call the Euclid Police Department at **216-731-1234** and an officer will be dispatched to the location. Do not touch or remove anything from the vehicle, or clean up the glass until the officer has investigated.



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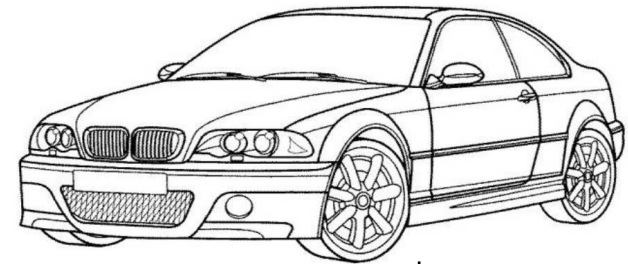
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## Help Prevent Auto Break-Ins



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# Auto Break-In Prevention

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It takes less than a minute for a thief to break your car window and snatch a firearm, electronics, laptop, purse, wallet, loose change, or other valuables left in your automobile. There are things that you can do to protect yourself from having your automobile broken into and your personal items stolen.



- Leave valuables at home or take them with you when you exit your automobile.
- Put valuables in the trunk before you reach your destination.
- Never leave anything visible inside your vehicle: loose change, wallet, purse, cell phone, charger, laptop, headphones, clothing, credit cards, bookbags, etc.

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## Your Auto

Keep your car visible, park in well-lit areas away from larger vehicles, fences or foliage. Roll up windows and lock doors; secure the sunroof. Activate the car alarm or install one, but understand that an alarm will not deter thieves from breaking into your vehicle. It only takes seconds to smash, grab and run. Tinted windows let thieves know the owner prefers concealment to hide valuables. Don't have vehicle windows tinted.

## Your Items

The single most important thing you can do to prevent auto break-ins is to never leave anything in your vehicle. Smash and grab thieves are looking for the smallest things left behind in your car! Always lock your car doors, even in your driveway or parking lot.

Thieves know some firearm owners keep handguns in vehicles. Always remove the firearm from the vehicle; keep it safely stored inside the home.



## Other Tips

Hide the things you have in your car in the trunk such as adapters, plugs, suction cup mounts, and other accessories. Trust your instincts. If you see suspicious activity, find another place to park. Call the Euclid Police at 216-731-1234 if you are concerned and see something suspicious. Use of steering wheel locks, column collars and brake pedal locks may discourage a would be thief from breaking into your care or stealing it.

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