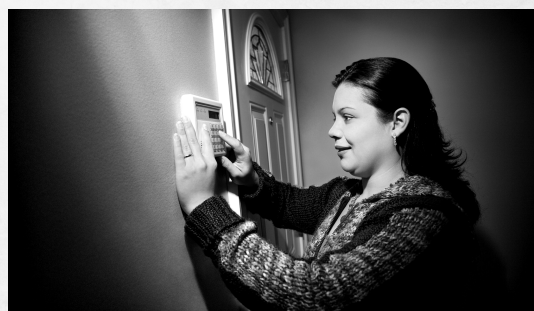
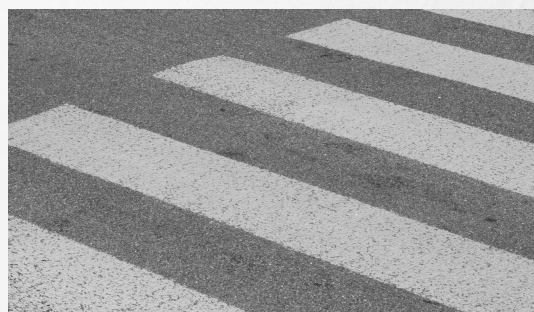


# building a safer community

A COMPREHENSIVE  
GUIDE TO SAFE  
HABITS FOR  
PERSONAL AND  
BUSINESS  
PURPOSES

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# CAR BREAK-INS

**Car break-ins, also known as Theft From Autos, is a crime that occurs in every area of Madisonville. Whether a car is parked on the street, a driveway or parking lot, it can be the target of a break-in by thieves.**

**Often, the thief commits the break-in and theft in less than a minute. Examples of property stolen are:**

- Tablets
- Car Stereos
- Cell phones
- CD's
- Checkbooks
- Purses
- Tools
- Wallets
- Laptop computers
- Firearms

# CAR BREAK-IN TIPS

## Prevention:

The Police Department believes that car break-ins can be reduced by encouraging citizens to use the listed car break-in prevention tips:

- Always lock your car after parking it.
- Do not leave valuables in the car.
- Do not leave keys in the car. Keys left in the car often result in the car being stolen.
- Park in well-lighted areas.
- Lock your packages and gifts in your car's trunk, especially during the holiday season.
- Use heavy duty locks for tool boxes and if they are stored in pickup trucks, secure the tool boxes to the bed of the truck.
- Be observant. Notify the police if you see anyone acting in a suspicious manner such as loitering around cars or looking into cars.

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU OBSERVE A CAR BREAK-IN:

If you observe a car break-in in progress, do not intervene but call 911 to notify the police. When reporting the crime to police communications personnel, please provide the following information.

- **Location**—Such as an address, street name and/or block number, or a specific location in a parking lot.
- **Description of the Suspect**—Provide identifiers such as race, sex, age, height, weight, hair color and length, color and length of facial hair, colors and style of clothing, any identifying marks such as tattoos and scars.
- **Direction**—Provide the direction of travel if the suspect flees from the scene.
- **Description of Car**—Provide a description of the car if the suspect flees from the scene in a vehicle. Describe the make and type of car, color and year, special designs or features such as a vinyl top, mag wheels, body damage, pinstripes, etc.

## Description of the Victim's Stolen Property

What to do if your car has been broken into – Notify the Madisonville Police Department. A report of the break-in alerts the police to crime activity in certain areas and it allows the police to respond with an investigation or extra patrols.

Provide complete information on the stolen property, especially property that has serial numbers or other identifying numbers or marks.



# PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

## Tips for Pedestrians

- Be predictable. Stay off freeways and restricted zones. Use sidewalks where provided. Cross or enter streets where it is legal to do so.
- Where no sidewalks are provided, it is usually safer to walk facing road traffic.
- Make it easy for drivers to see you – dress in light colors and wear retro-reflective material. It might be wise to carry a flashlight in very dark areas.
- Be wary. Most drivers are nice people, but don't count on them paying attention. Watch out – make eye contact to be sure they see you!
- Alcohol and drugs can impair your ability to walk safely, just like they do a person's ability to drive.
- Use extra caution when crossing multiple-lane, higher speed streets.

## Tips for Drivers

- You can encounter pedestrians anytime and anywhere – even in places where they are not supposed to be found.
- Pedestrians can be very hard to see – especially in bad weather or at night. You must keep a lookout and slow down if you can't see clearly.
- When entering a crosswalk area, drive slowly and be prepared to stop.
- Stop for pedestrians who are in a crosswalk, even if it is not marked. When you stop for a pedestrian in a crosswalk, stop well back so that drivers in the other lanes can also see the pedestrian in time to stop.
- Do not overtake and pass other vehicles stopped for pedestrians.
- When you are turning, you often will have to wait for a “gap” in traffic. Beware that while you are watching for that “gap,” pedestrians may have moved into your intended path.
- Be especially attentive around schools and in neighborhoods where children are active.