



82 Security Forces Squadron Crime Prevention News



**Did you think your teacher was just nagging when she told you to write your name on your paper?!
... turns out marking your stuff makes it possible for it to be returned.**

Burglary is one of the most frequently committed crimes in the United States. Sheppard has enjoyed a low crime rate average due to constant vigilance and support from "you". Most burglars sell what they steal, making it hard for police to trace stolen goods. Once items are gone from you, your television looks just like thousands of others. Unless you can prove it is yours, police cannot return it. The following tips are provided to help protect community members and their property from becoming victims of a crime:

- Secure all doors and windows when leaving the home or dormitory room, even if only going away for a moment.
- Know your neighbors, inform them about being away for extended periods of time so they can watch over the house.
- Challenge unknown people at work or around the neighborhood. A criminal's main concern is to go unrecognized, but challenging someone may thwart the threat.
- Register all property with the manufacturer
- Lock doors at night to protect from robberies and sexual assault.
- Don't hide spare keys in obvious places, like under door mats.
- Don't leave valuables such as bicycles outside unattended.
- Put away high theft items, like wallets, purses or mp3 players, when leaving a work area.
- Secure lockers at the gym. The Sheppard gym, allows a person to borrow a lock if they forgets theirs.

You can also mark your property by simply engraving the letters "AF" followed by the last four of your social security number. It is also recommended you document your property on an inventory list, such as an AF FM 1670/*Value Property Record* and take pictures or video of it.

- Suggestions for property that may be marked are televisions, lawn equipment, mp3 players, laptops, sporting goods, musical instruments and bicycles. For valuable property not easily marked, a picture may be submitted and attached to an Air Force Form 1670.

Vacation quarters checks

If you are going on leave or TDY, security forces patrols will periodically check your home during your absence. To take advantage of the program, visit the law enforcement desk at Building 2118, and complete a Vacation Quarters Check Form.

To Report A Crime

**EMERGENCY
9-1-1**

**Non-Emergency
(940) 676-2981/2982**

**Crime Stoppers
(940) 676-1100**

**Criminal Investigation
(940) 676-6429/2207**

THIS IS WHAT YOUR CAR LOOKS LIKE TO A THIEF & STEPS TO PREVENT IT



Theft from a vehicle is currently on the rise. 90% of these crimes could have easily been prevented.

There are three easy steps that you can take to prevent your vehicle from being a victim of a theft or burglary.

1) REMOVE ALL VISIBLE ITEMS FROM YOUR VEHICLE. If you leave items visible in your car, *you are a target*. Be aware that someone may be watching as you put a wallet, purse, or cell phone under your seat, or in your trunk, especially at the gym. Take these items with you.

2) LOCK IT UP! Lock your vehicle and take your keys, even for quick errands. Close all doors and windows, including vent windows, wing windows, and sunroofs. If you have an alarm use it!

3) PARK SAFELY! At home, park in your garage if you have one. Lock your car and all garage doors. Park in well lighted areas. Check to see that your vehicle is visible from pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Utilizing these simple yet effective preventive measures could save your vehicle from becoming a target to a vehicle theft or burglary. Keep it locked up and stay safe!