



# ***HULMEVILLE BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT***

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## **Home and Auto Safeguarding Tips**

1. Try to avoid leaving valuables in your vehicle. If you need to leave belongings in your vehicle, make sure they are out of sight as much as possible (i.e. in your trunk, glove compartment or covered). Your vehicle is more likely to be targeted by thieves if they are aware, and can see, valuables inside.
2. Make sure your vehicle is locked every night before bed. Thieves love to use the nighttime and darkness to commit their crimes. Thieves will often walk up and down streets just pulling on car door handles to see which vehicles were left unlocked.
3. Never leave your vehicle running and unattended. Not only is it illegal but it gives thieves the perfect opportunity to steal your vehicle.
4. When possible, hide garage door openers that are kept in your vehicle. Thieves often look for the garage door openers on visors and in center consoles. If a thief gains access to your vehicle, they can use the opener and easily gain access to your home.
5. Have motion lights around your property and on your driveway. The more light around your home, the less likely thieves will target your home or vehicles.
6. Make sure you lock all your doors at nighttime. This includes front and rear doors, garages and sheds.
7. When possible, install a security alarm and cameras in your home. Alarms not only provide peace of mind but also work as an effective deterrent for burglars. Today, many security alarms and cameras can be controlled from a smartphone and can alert you if unauthorized people are in or around your home. Cameras can provide police with pictures and video of the criminals and will help in identifying them.
8. Always try to make it appear that someone is home, even if you are at work or on vacation. Having lights on timers, not leaving delivered packages or mail outside for long and maintaining your yard are all good ways to make it appear that someone is home.
9. NEVER post on social media that you are going away. Wait until you return home to post pictures and share your vacation stories. Criminals use social media too!!

If you should have any questions, please contact the Hulmeville Borough Police Department at (215)757-1700 or email at [police@hulmeville-pa.gov](mailto:police@hulmeville-pa.gov).