

## **Car, Home Safety Tips** Camarillo Acorn, July 2, 2010

With a recent increase in vehicle burglaries, local police departments remind citizens to lock their vehicles and not to leave valuable property in view of passing pedestrians.

Recently, thieves have focused on property in vehicles parked in public locations such as movie theaters, gyms and shopping malls. As the temperature increased, drivers often leave vehicle windows down, which allows criminals easy access into vehicles and the opportunity to remove personal property. Always lock a car when leaving it, even for short periods of time.

At home, do not leave windows and doors open when going to bed at night. Also close and lock the garage door.

When going on vacation, use the following tips.

- ✍ Make sure all door and window locks are working.
- ✍ Leave lights and/or radios on timers. Do not leave ladders or toys around the yard that could be used to gain access to second-story windows.
- ✍ Stop mail and newspaper delivery while away.
- ✍ Call the police department for a vacation check while away.
- ✍ Start a Neighborhood Watch program.