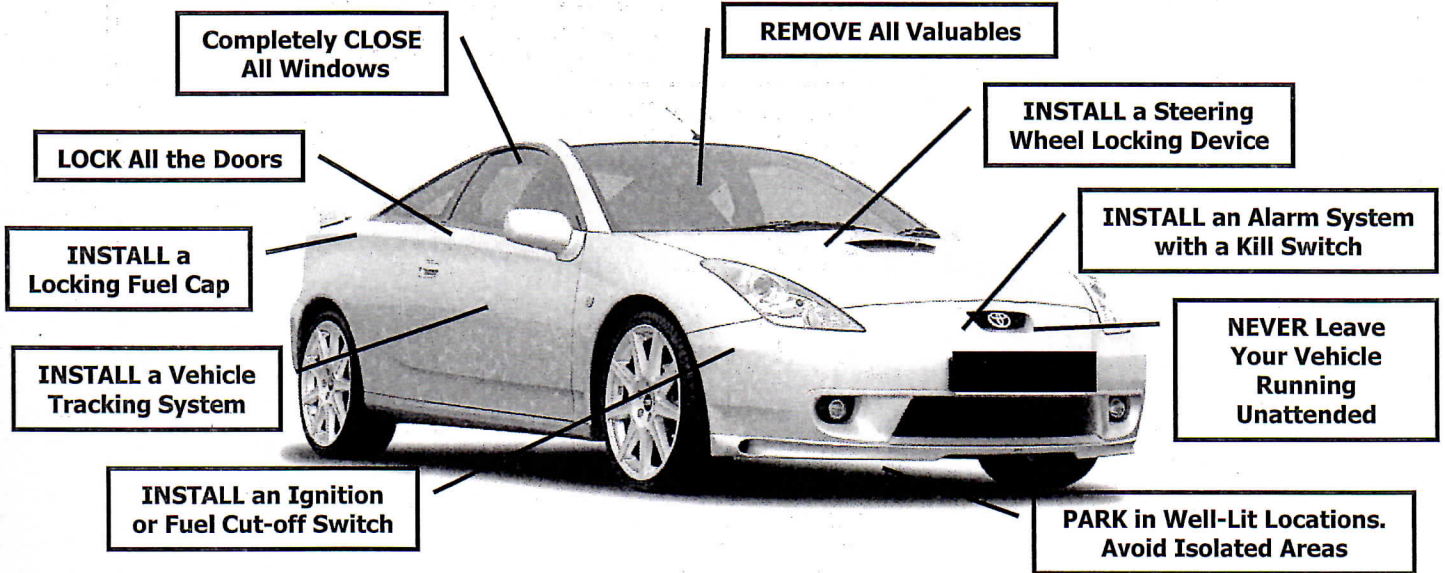




Auto thefts? Car break-ins? **NOT in Puyallup!** ***Ten Ways to Reduce Auto Thefts & Break-ins***



YOU CAN PREVENT VEHICLE PROWLs

Vehicle prowls occur in Tacoma whether you are at home, shopping or even at your place of business.

A vehicle prowl is defined as the theft of property from your automobile. In 2012 there were 250 vehicle thefts and 839 vehicle prowls reported in the City of Puyallup.

AVOID BEING A VICTIM -

- * Always lock your vehicle.
- * Don't leave valuable items in your car. If you must, lock those items in the trunk. Don't leave items where they are visible from outside the vehicle.
- * Record serial numbers and keep them in a secure place, not in the automobile.
- * Park in well lit areas.
- * Report suspicious people and activity to police by calling 911.
- * Install a vehicle alarm system.
- * Install and use removable stereo/electronic equipment.

Vehicle prowlers often drive through parking lots looking for vehicles with open windows and/or unlocked doors. Criminals also look for valuables left in the open—cellular phones, Ipods, backpacks which might hold valuable computers, etc and stereo equipment are prime targets.

A large number of vehicle prowls in Puyallup occur when a car door is left unlocked. For your safety, make it a habit to secure your car before leaving it, whether it is at home, shopping, at the gym or at the office.

Vehicle prowls only take a few minutes— even less when the car is left unlocked!
