

It's as simple as **1** **2** **3**

**1** NEIGHBORS GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER AND WORKING TOGETHER.

**2** CITIZENS TRAINED TO RECOGNIZE AND REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS.

**3** CRIME PREVENTION TECHNIQUES SUCH AS RESIDENTIAL SECURITY.



Join your local  
Neighborhood Watch  
Group



## Richmond County Sheriff's Office

Emergency ----- 911  
Non-emergency ----- 706-821-1080  
Richmond County Sheriff's Office -- 706-821-1000  
Community Service Division ----- 706-261-0436  
Records Division ----- 706-821-1010  
Augusta Concerns Hot Line ----- 706-821-2300  
24 hour Narcotics Hotline — 706- 828-DRUG (3784)

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Richmond County Sheriff's Office - Georgia



# Vehicle Break-in Prevention



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# DON'T MAKE IT EASY

Eliminate the Opportunity



**OPPORTUNITY**

**HIDE  
YOUR THINGS**

**LOCK  
YOUR CAR**

**TAKE  
YOUR KEYS**



**A Reminder From The  
Richmond County  
Sheriff's Office**

**IF YOU SEE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY, CALL 911**

## Here are some tips to help make your vehicle less desirable to thieves:

- Lock your vehicle. It is common sense that many thefts happen to unlocked vehicles. The goal is to make your vehicle less desirable than others, and a locked door is a simple deterrent.
- Never leave your vehicle running unattended and always take your keys with you. Otherwise, you are inviting thieves to drive off with your vehicle.
- Keep windows closed when you park and leave your vehicle. A slender arm or clothes hanger can reach in through even a narrow opening to unlock the door.
- Don't store valuables or expensive electronic devices in plain sight. It's best to take portable devices with you.
- Park in a well-lighted, public place when running errands and when at home. A vehicle will, obviously, be safer in a garage than in a driveway or at a curb.
- Use a visual warning device, such as a blinking light, as a deterrent. An alarm can be effective, but it is even better if the crook doesn't break into the vehicle in the first place. If your vehicle is not factory-equipped with these features, they can be installed at a local automotive stereo shop.
- Smart keys or a fuel cut-offs system, aka engine immobilizer, are standard on many late-model vehicles and can add security. Thieves won't steal a vehicle they cannot start.



## What to do if you see a vehicle break-in in progress:

Call 911 and notify the Sheriff's Office

When talking to 911, try to give as much detailed information as possible.

### LOCATION:

Such as an address, block number, specific location, or parking lot location.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE SUSPECT:

Provide as much as you can, such as sex, race, age, height, weight, hair color, hair length, colors and style of clothing, and identifying marks such as tattoos etc.

### DIRECTION:

Give the direction of travel if the suspect flees. If the suspect flees on a bicycle, describe the color and type of bike.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE VEHICLE:

Year, make, model and color.