



SOUTH LAKE TAHOE POLICE DEPARTMENT
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South Lake Tahoe Police Department Offers Tips to Prevent Property Crime

South Lake Tahoe, CA (July 18, 2016) - South Lake Tahoe Police Department is noticing a rise in theft as a result of unattended and unsecured property from vehicles, homes and public places. Since July 1st 2016, we have had 54 reported thefts in our city. That is 3.375 thefts per day since July 1st. Of the 54 thefts reported, 61% (33) are a result of unsecured and/or unattended property. Below is a breakdown of the 33 unsecured/unattended thefts:

17 unattended/unsecured property (usually from public places)
10 Unlocked vehicles (6 in the last 2 days)
6 Property stolen from business storefronts

The South Lake Tahoe Police Department needs your help in preventing these crimes. Below is a short list of proactive measures our community members can implement to assist in theft prevention. By implementing these proactive measures, citizens will greatly reduce their chances of being victimized. Most theft crimes are crimes of opportunity. Don't allow yourself to be an easy target for theft.

PREVENTING THEFTS FROM VEHICLES:

- Install a vehicle alarm or mechanical lock for the steering wheel or ignition.
- Lock the doors and leave the windows rolled up.
- Activate any alarms or anti-theft devices.
- Keep valuables out of sight and/or remove them from the vehicle. Expensive items in full view invite theft even if the vehicle is locked.
- Do not leave money, checkbooks, or credit cards in the vehicle at any time.

PREVENTING BICYCLE THEFT:

- Keep bicycles locked any time they are unattended with a good "U" type lock that cannot be cut. Another choice would be a good casehardened padlock and thick cable. Be sure the "U" lock or cable goes through the front wheel, rear wheel and the frame, and secure it to a fixed object.
- Check the lock by pulling on it to make sure it is secure.
- Purchase Anti-Theft Dots from your local bike shop or <http://antitheftdots.com> (go to this website for more information) and apply them to the major components on your bike. Register your serial number with Anti-Theft Dots and add photos of your bike.
- Be sure to retain all evidence of purchase, including the serial number and have them available if your bike is stolen.
- Try to avoid parking a bicycle in a deserted or poorly lit area.

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