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How to Avoid Larceny from Autos

Tips from the Farmington Hills Police Department

The Farmington Hills Police Department warns residents that warm weather always brings a rise in Larcenies from Automobiles (LFA). Common places where larcenies from autos are committed include daycare centers, schools, parks, gyms, and even *your own driveway!* Criminals are opportunists and are targeting unsuspecting people who leave items in their cars while they go about their daily tasks.

Here are some safety tips on how to avoid becoming a victim:

- At least 70% of larcenies are committed on **unlocked** vehicles. Lock your vehicle and remove any valuable items such as purses, wallets, money, electronics, and firearms.
- If you must store items in your car, lock them in the trunk out of sight.
- Set a routine time before dark each evening to double check that the vehicles in your driveway are locked or better yet, park your vehicles in the garage if possible.
- Remember to **practice TLC**. TLC stands for TAKE out your valuables; LOCK your vehicle; and CLOSE your windows and sunroof.

Please report any suspicious activity you may observe. If you find yourself a victim of an LFA, contact the Farmington Hills Police Department at 248-871-2600 immediately – **before** going through the vehicle.

Remember - LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!

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