

IRVINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

"Working In Partnership with the Community"

INFORMATION BULLETIN



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Dear Community Members:

Although Irvine is known for being a safe community, we are not crime-free. Currently, we are focusing resources on thefts from garages. Thieves looking for an easy target will often choose an open garage. They may be enticed by items in plain view, such as: safes, tools, bikes, skateboards, snow boards, golf clubs and other sporting equipment. Thieves are also known to look in cars for garage door openers, electronic devices and other valuables.

In order to minimize the likelihood of your property being stolen, we suggest the following crime prevention tips:

- Close and lock your garage door if you are not present.
- Lock all doors that lead into your garage, including those that open to the outside and inside of your home.
- Remove valuables from your car and keep your car locked, even when it is parked inside your garage.
- Keep the garage door opener on a key ring. Do not leave it in your car.
- Your garage door remote should be of the "rolling code" variety. It is unlikely a thief will be able to copy a rolling code to gain access into your garage.
- Lock as much of your bike up as possible (not just the front wheel), even when it is in your locked garage.
- Register your bike with the Irvine Police Department.
- Inventory your belongings by taking photos and noting model and serial numbers.
- New occupants should make sure the locks and garage door code have been changed since the previous tenant.
- Look out for your neighbors and notify them if they leave their garage door open.
- Report any suspicious behavior immediately to the Irvine Police Department by calling (949) 724-7200.

And remember, *"Remove It or Lose It"*: whether parking in a public place, on the street, in a private driveway or even in a secured garage, always remove your valuables and lock your car doors.

For more information, check out our ["Got-a-Minute"](#) video on Facebook or visit the [Crime Prevention page](#) on our website at irvinepd.org.

If you would like to remain anonymous, you may submit a crime tip by accessing our free mobile application "Access Irvine" on your mobile device.



You can also remain anonymous by calling Orange County Crime Stoppers at 1-855-TIP-OCSS or visiting their website at www.occrimestoppers.org.

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