

## NEWS RELEASE

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### City reminds motorists not to leave valuables in vehicle

#### Summary

Motorists are being reminded that simple preventative steps can save them from being a target of a vehicle break in. If given the opportunity, thieves will take anything that's easy to see. Thefts from vehicles is a problem throughout the province, including Nanaimo. The ten most stolen items are:

1. Smart phones
2. Personal electronics - tablets, laptops, iPods, GPS devices
3. Work tools
4. Credit cards and identification
5. Stereo equipment
6. Cash and change
7. Car parts and accessories
8. Garage door openers
9. Sunglasses
10. Keys

*Strategic Link:* Public safety is a priority for the City of Nanaimo

#### Key Points

- Remove possessions from your vehicle - shopping bags, tools, spare change, electronics, brief cases, etc. Put anything that could tempt a thief in the trunk.
- Park in secure, well-lit areas near pedestrian traffic. Always lock doors and close windows, even if you're away from your vehicle for just a few minutes.

#### Quotes

"By practicing due diligence you can protect your belongings from theft."

Rod Davidson  
Manager of Bylaw Regulation and Security  
City of Nanaimo

#### Quick Facts

- The most popularly stolen vehicles in B.C. in 2015 were (1) Honda Civic/CRX, (2) Honda Accord, (3) Ford F350, (4) Acura Integra, (5) Ford F-150XLT and (6) Ford F250 Supercab

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