

Secure Your Garage

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What is in your garage?

Although Irvine is known for being a safe community, we are not crime-free. Thieves look for easy targets, and they will often choose open garage doors as an opportunity to steal. They may be enticed by items left in the open. This also applies to valuables left in plain view inside vehicles. Don't make yourself an easy target by leaving valuables out in the open. Here are some other tips from the Irvine Police Department Crime Prevention Unit to help protect your property:

- Lock and close all doors leading to your garage
- Watch your garage fully close before leaving the area
- Secure your valuables in your garage or at least keep them out of plain view
- Do not leave your purse, wallet or keys to your vehicles inside your vehicle
- Secure bicycles in your garage to something stationary, and register bicycles with the Irvine Police Department at Project529.com/Irvine
- Always remember to lock your car and roll your windows up- even when parked in your garage
- Remove your belongings or secure them in your trunk (before you arrive to your destination)
- Engage your car alarm
- Items typically stolen include:
 - Bikes, golf bags, sporting equipment and electronics from garages
 - Cellphones, purse/wallet, sunglasses, laptop and tools from vehicles
- Don't leave your garage door remotes in your vehicle
- Padlock the latch or door track when you are out of town
- Change door locks when moving into a new house
- Know your neighbors and look out for each other
- Report suspicious behavior immediately
- Call 9-1-1 to report a crime in progress

For more information on crime prevention and personal safety, please visit CrimePrevention.IrvinePD.org.