

CAUTION

It has been brought to the attention of California Community Management that an owner's garage was broken into. An adjacent neighbor's surveillance camera caught a man going into the garage door to release the pull cord. Releasing the pull cord allowed the thief to open the garage door with minimal noise. The burglar rifled through an unlocked vehicle that was parked in the garage, luckily nothing was taken.

In addition, two other residents reported a thief had broken into their vehicles. One of the victims thinks he may have left his vehicle unlocked. The residents have reported the burglaries to the local police department. Remember if anything ever looks suspicious please contact the police immediately and notify the Management Company.

Vehicle Theft Prevention

Parking

- At night, find a well-lighted area with plenty of pedestrian traffic. Thieves don't usually like to "work" in areas that are clearly visible.
- Don't store valuables in your vehicle. If you must, hide them under seats or lock them in the trunk.
- Never leave your vehicle unlocked, the windows rolled down or keys in the ignition. Never leave your vehicle's engine running while you are away.
- Never hide a spare key anywhere on your vehicle. Crooks know all the hiding places.
- If you own an auto theft prevention device, use it every time you park your vehicle.

Anti-Theft Devices

- Steering wheel locks are recommended by some experts to be the most cost-effective deterrent on the market.
- Door locks should be tapered to prevent a thief from pulling them open with wire or other device when inserted through the window crack.
- Hood locks will help prevent access to batteries and alarm systems.

More Prevention Tips

- There is a very simple, inexpensive way to fend off garage bandits -- the zip tie. Just thread a plastic zip tie through the emergency release latch. The zip tie should be strong enough that it would prevent a hanger from opening the garage door, but make sure you have enough strength to bust it in an emergency.
- Don't leave your garage door remote on your visor or anywhere visible in your vehicle.
- Etch your driver's license number on stereo equipment and other valuables and record their serial numbers.
- Keep CDs, cassette tapes and spare change out of sight.
- Call police immediately if your vehicle is stolen or broken into at **760-839-4722**.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Jennifer Figgers at California Community Management (760) 745-5861 or jennifer@cacomanagement.com.

Be cautious, be careful and let's watch out for one another,

On behalf of the Board of Directors
Hidden Trails Community Association