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THEFT AND BURGLARY PREVENTION

We offer the following suggestions that will help you protect yourself from common types of theft: vehicle burglaries, trailer burglaries and storage burglaries. It should be noted that most of these burglaries are crimes of opportunity that typically occur in the warmer months in the early morning hours. Taking digital photographs using your cellular phone or camera is the easiest way to record information about your valuables for both insurance claims and theft reports.

VEHICLE BURGLARY PREVENTION SUGGESTIONS:

The steps below will lessen the probability that you are the victim of a vehicle burglary. These types of crimes typically result in the sale or pawn of the stolen items. Proper documentation of valuables as recommended below results in a dramatic increase of the odds of recovery.

- Keep your vehicle locked at all times when unoccupied
- Do not store valuables in your vehicle even if they are hidden
- Never leave your keys inside your vehicle
- Record the following information about vehicle stereo, DVD players and so forth
 - ↳ Make, model and serial number
- Initial items such as CDs or DVDs with a permanent marker
- Record the following information about mp3 players, cell phones and so forth
 - ↳ Make, model and serial number

TRAILER BURGLARY PREVENTION SUGGESTIONS:

The best available advice is to invest in a quality lock which is hard to cut or force open like the donut style locks. Documentation of valuables as recommended below results in a dramatic increase of the odds of recovery of your stolen property.

- Invest in a quality, cut-proof donut style lock
- Do not store trailer in roadway
- Ensure that hitch is locked
- Park trailer with doors toward fence or wall
- Record the following information about all valuables:
 - ↳ Make, model and serial number

STORAGE FACILITY BURGLARY PREVENTION SUGGESTIONS:

If you are using a storage facility ask questions about what security safeguards are currently in place. Visit the facility after dark and look for adequate lighting and visibility from the roadway. A quality lock is always the best safeguard for your valuables.

- Invest in a quality, cut-proof donut style lock
- Use a facility with an external fence, good lighting and cameras
- Store valuable items near the rear of the storage area
- Make a list of all items in the storage area. Consider digital photos as well
- Record the following information about all valuables:
 - ↳ Make, model and serial number