



## Tips to Avoid Car Break-Ins:

The North Reading Police Department recommends taking these steps to reduce the chances of having a vehicle broken into:

- ✓ Secure your vehicle safely in the garage or park your vehicle as close to the residence as possible. If you park on the street, park in an area with good visibility and lighting.
- ✓ Do not leave anything in your vehicle that would tempt somebody to break in. Remove valuables or secure them out of sight in your trunk.
- ✓ If your car stereo has a removable faceplate, remove it. Do not leave CDs in the car. \*Personal items such as iPods, cell phones, laptop computers, navigational devices, compact discs, purses, and cash are all popular with thieves.
- ✓ Lock your car doors. Some thieves go from car to car trying doors. If your vehicle is locked, chances are they will simply move on to the next car.
- ✓ Roll all of the windows up all the way.
- ✓ Car alarms have proven effective in preventing thefts.
- ✓ Keep your garage door closed.
- ✓ Do not confront the suspect and compromise your safety. If you are in your house, stay there and dial 911 immediately.