



College Place Police Department

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Nearly a dozen cars were broken into during the night of March 13, 2018. Over half of them had various windows smashed out of them. Most of the cars were prowled with several items taken. The reports spread across the city, with no apparent pattern. One witness thought they heard a car slowly driving through the area and what sounded like someone running from their vehicle during the night. Another house had security cameras. We are looking into possible leads.

Residents are encouraged to call in any suspicious activity no matter how minute it may be. The Police Department also urges people to lock their vehicles and keep valuables out of sight or out of their cars. The following are more tips that may help reduce the chances of being a victim to car prowls.

Crime Prevention Tips:

Car Prowls

Car Prowls continue to be a problem in our city. You can help us reduce instances of car prowls by implementing the following strategies:

- 1) Lock your vehicle and remove all valuables.
- 2) Make your vehicle less appealing by removing contents from eyesight.
- 3) Park in well-lit and heavily traveled areas.
- 4) Avoid placing items in trunk after parking. Someone could be watching for opportunities.

Plan your storage of items ahead of time.

- 5) Use a car alarm.
- 6) Park in areas with [video surveillance](#) system.
- 7) Keep vehicle within secured garage while home.

If you are a victim of car prowl please report it immediately to the Police Department.