

## **OPP RENFREW LOCK IT OR LOSE IT CAMPAIGN 2016 KICK OFF 2016-12-14**

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Keep your possessions where they belong this holiday season

**(ORILLIA, ON)** – The hustle and bustle of the holiday season has started, but try not to let that be a distraction causing you to become a victim of theft. The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is encouraging citizens to “Lock It OR Lose It” and to take precautions to protect their vehicle contents from theft.

Under the “Lock It OR Lose It” program, parked vehicles are examined to confirm they are locked and that no valuables have been left in plain view. A “Lock It OR Lose It” notice is placed on every vehicle checked which specifies what safety precautions were ignored and simple prevention tips are provided which drivers can use to protect their vehicles and valuables from theft.

By taking simple preventative measures, such as confirming your vehicle is locked and by placing items of value out of sight or removing valuable items from your vehicle altogether, victimization can be avoided.

You can help prevent theft by following some crime prevention tips:

- Always roll up your vehicle’s windows, lock the doors and pocket the key.
- If you have a garage, use it and lock the door as well as your vehicle.
- Keep your vehicle registration certificate/proof of insurance on you at all times.
- Always park your vehicle in a well-lit area.
- Never leave valuable objects or packages in full view. Put them in the trunk.
- Never leave your vehicle unattended while it is running.

Please do your part in making this year’s holiday season a safe and memorable experience. Be sure to take precautions to protect your vehicle and vehicle contents from theft, particularly during the holiday season.

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