

Woodland Reserve Safety & Security Awareness Committee

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Auto Thefts

We have noted several posts in Nextdoor regarding auto thefts. There was an article in the Star recently regarding auto thefts being on the rise in Lenexa. Our takeaways are as follows:

Thefts are opportunity driven.

Never leave your vehicle outside unlocked.

Do not leave keys or valuables in vehicles whether outside or in the garage. If parked outside bring in your garage opener or lock out opener signals for your garage opener. This is usually done at the opening switch in the garage usually next to the door to the house.

Lock the door every night between the garage and your house. If they get into the garage at least they won't have access to your home, as long as keys are not left in vehicles.

If you use remote start, know how this works in terms of when the vehicle can actually be driven. It appears that the vehicle must have a key fob in it to start driving when using remote start. Can't say this applies to all manufacturers so best to consult your dealer.

Some people have pulled into their driveway and left the vehicle running while running into the house "quickly" and come out to find it gone! Secure the vehicle.

Here is a link to KC Star article.

<https://www.kansascity.com/opinion/editorials/article248675320.html>

Please feel free to share any thoughts/experiences you have on this topic.

See this posting on *Nextdoor Woodland Reserve Safety & Security Awareness Group* - [Auto Thefts](#).