

Resources

Crime Victim Services

509 - 524 - 4526

The Walla Walla Police Department offers many services that may assist you in your recovery process. These free services include:

Home Security Survey

At your request, law enforcement personnel will come to your home and offer a **FREE** Home Safety and Security Inspection.

Crime Prevention Program

The Crime Prevention Coordinator offers community presentations that include recent crime trends and crime prevention measures.

Block Watch

If you do not live in a Block Watch neighborhood, you may want to consider starting a program that is proven to combat crime.

Contact the Crime Prevention Coordinator/Crime Victim Advocate for additional information on any of these topics.



WWPD
For follow-up with an officer or
detective
509-527-4434

Walla Walla County Crime Victim Service Center
The Crime Victim Service Center can assist you
with any questions you may have regarding a
crime committed against you.



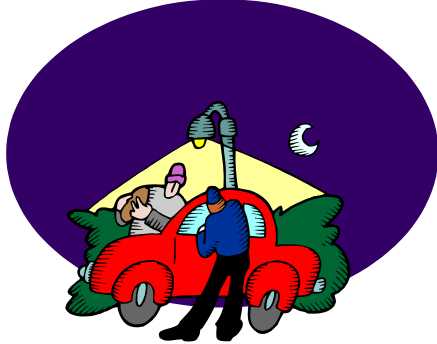
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Police Non—Emergency
509-527-1960

Emergency
Fire—Ambulance—Police
911

"...not just a property crime"

Vehicle Prowl Prevention



Report Date:

Case Number:

Officer:

**Walla Walla County
Crime Victim Services
54 E. Moore St.
Walla Walla, WA 99362
509.524.4526**

Dear Vehicle Prowl Victim:

The victim of a vehicle prowling can feel as violated as if their home were burglarized.

Apprehending the criminal and trying to recover your property is now the responsibility of the police. Regardless of whether or not we are successful in our investigation, we want you to know that we are concerned about how this crime is affecting you.

This brochure was designed to help you understand how your case will be handled and how you can help us help you!

*Scott Bieber
Chief of Police*

The Investigation

A uniformed police officer has obtained the offense report. Also, depending on the circumstances, the officer may have attempted to recover evidence, such as processing for latent fingerprints or identifying witnesses. This is what will happen next:

- A copy of the report will be distributed for all patrol officers to review.
- The Sgt. of Detectives will evaluate the solvability factors based on evidence and classify the case as active or inactive.
- Evidence will be held for investigative purposes. Recovered fingerprints can only be identified by the WA State Crime Lab if the criminal has been fingerprinted in the past. This process may take several months.
- Recovered stolen property may be marked for release from the police evidence room, unless needed for the investigation.
- Pawn tickets are checked as time and staffing allow.

Active Cases

This designation is reserved for cases that have leads to be followed and a possibility of being solved. A lead



would include:

- The name of a suspect or a vehicle license number.
- An identifiable fingerprint.
- A distinctive method of operation that ties it to other existing cases.

An active case will be assigned to a detective who will be in contact with you.

Inactive Cases

Your case is important to us, but without active leads it will be designated as “inactive.” If a lead develops through other investigations you will then be contacted by the detective handling your case. The fact is, a small number of criminals commit a high percentage of crime.

Aggressive follow up of “active leads” is the best way for us to prevent further crimes in your area and often results in solving many criminal cases at one time.

Unfortunately, vehicle prowls are very common; luckily, they are preventable. Use these easy and inexpensive tips to reduce your risk of becoming a

Report Additional Information

If you become aware of any additional information you should contact the police department:
(509)-527-4434

Case Number

The case number serves as a tracking device for your report. Be sure to have it available when providing any information about your case.

Vehicle Prowl Prevention

victim of a vehicle prowling.

- Always lock your vehicle and keep the windows rolled up.
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle in open view—secure them in the trunk or take them out.
- Park your vehicle in the garage or in a well lighted driveway.
- If your vehicle must be on the street, park it in a well lighted area as close to the front of the residence as possible.
- Park in well lighted, busy areas of the parking lot.
- Use a locking gas cap to prevent fuel theft.



Vehicle Prowls are crimes of opportunity!

Activate your car alarm and remove your personal property from the vehicle:

- Checkbooks, credit cards, and debit cards
- Hand bags and wallets
- Cameras and cell phones
- GPS and all other electronic devices
- Lap tops
- Day planners
- Back packs, luggage, and packages

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