

Don't be a target

While most view the Christmas holiday season as one of giving, for thieves, its one of taking, and sometimes shoppers

tempt these thieves with items lying clearly on the car seat as they head off to the next store.

For thieves, it is an opportunity they patrol through mall parking lots or driveways looking for cash, wallets, credit cards and the

new gifts of small electronics, computers or any items that may have been left visible in your cars.

Here are some

Lock it or Lose it tips
 1. Always take your keys. Never leave them in the car.
 2. Always lock your car. Most thefts will occur when you are shopping and left the auto unlocked.
 3. Park in well-lit areas. Over half of all vehicle thefts occur at

night.
 4. Never leave your car running, even if you will only be gone for a minute. Many vehicles are stolen on cold mornings when left by the owner to warm up.
 5. Don't leave valuables in plain view. Place newly purchased items in the trunk.



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SANTA CLAWS: Remy sat pretty to have a picture taken with Santa Claus on Sunday at Acton's Pet Valu store where it was so busy, staff had to ask Santa to stay longer. Proceeds from the \$5 photo fee will benefit a no-kill shelter – Cats Anonymous – in Orton. – Ted Tyler photo

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