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PSA – Don't Leave Your Vehicle Warming Up Unattended

As the cold weather approaches, many people are tempted to leave their vehicles running, unoccupied, to warm up. The Tacoma Police Department would like to remind community members not to leave vehicles running unattended, or with children or pets in them.

Whether the vehicle is locked or not, it takes only seconds for a thief to spot the exhaust from an idling vehicle, see that it is unoccupied, make entry, and drive away. Even vehicles that use a key fob can often be driven away and will run until the thief turns the vehicle off. A small child or pet may not be noticed by the thief until they are blocks away.

Don't take chances, stay with your vehicle whenever it is running. Don't become a victim of opportunity.

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