

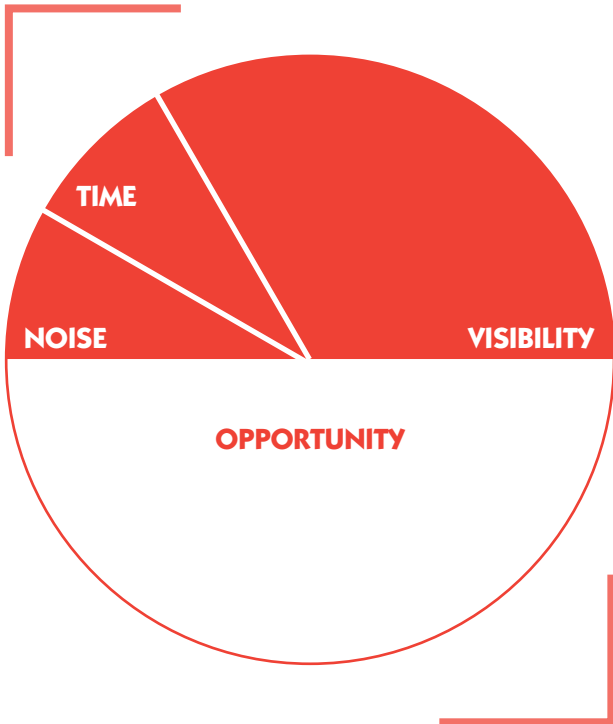
IDENTIFICATION

Marking: Deck chairs, floatation gear, windbreakers and other loose items are frequently stolen or lost. Marking such items will make them less desirable.

Operation Identification: Electronic instruments, communication gear and other valuables should be permanently inscribed with your driver's license number and state. Prominently display the Operation Identification sticker.

Know What You Have: A complete inventory including descriptions, serial and model numbers and manufacturers of your boat, its engine or sails, equipment, gear, radios and TV sets is vital. A few snapshots will also be useful.

The Barrier Concept: Physical measures alone cannot keep a burglar out of your boat. But any barriers you can add that will increase the three natural enemies of crime will reduce a burglar's opportunity, and increase his risk of being caught.

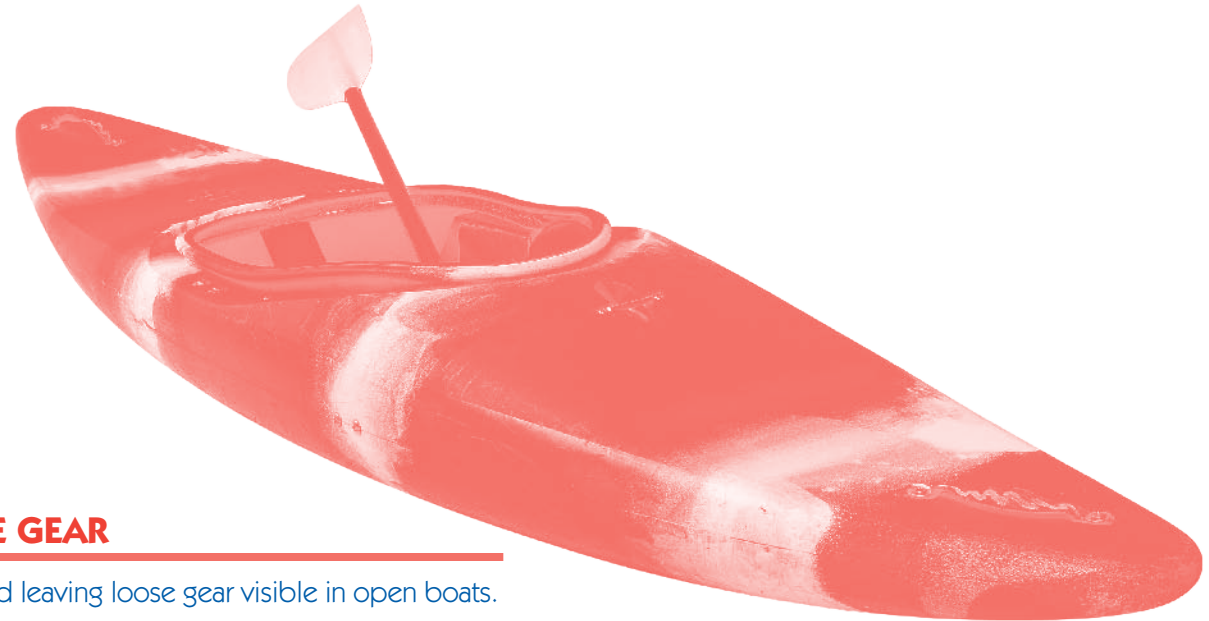


AVOIDING CABIN ENTRY

- Replace spring-latch locking assembly with dead-bolt type lock.
- Install lugs in the hinge-plates to prevent opening the door by removing hinge pins.
- Close or cover any gaps that could allow prying.
- Lay wooden dowels in the tracks of sliding windows.
- Add a lexan back-up piece and solid brass hasp to make the forward hatch more difficult to open from the outside.
- Install a commercial or homemade alarm system to ward off intruders, plus pressure mats at entrance points. A hidden ignition kill switch can double as an alarm disarming switch.

BOATS UNDER 20'

- Secure your boat to the dock with a hardened alloy steel chain or vinyl covered aircraft type calbe.
- Make sure what you chain it with is as secure as what you chain it to.
- Make sure the chain or cable can't be lifted over or torn loose from the dock or piling.
- Back up Cleats or eye-bolts with aluminium or plywood plates using on-way bolts and lock nuts.
- On small open boats, run the chain under a seat.



LOOSE GEAR

- Avoid leaving loose gear visible in open boats.
- Keep radios, TV sets and other items of value out of sight.
- Pick one hold or locker and secure it. Beef up the door or cover and install a dead-bolt lock or a strong hasp and padlock.

AT THE MARINA

Get to know the people at your marina. Carefully observe strangers; not good description of car, license number, get name, hair color or other descriptive features. Check with boat owners if you're not sure. Report suspicious behavior to the police – they may already know him!

Good lighting is the single most cost-effective crime prevention measure. Promote good all-night lighting at your marina. Use an automatic timer to turn on a light or radio. Make the burglar think he has company.

YOUR FISH OUT OF WATER

This is where your boat is most vulnerable. Don't take any chances.

At Home:

- Remove or lock the motor prop.
- Remove a wheel and block the frame or lock the trailer securely.
- Lock or dismantle the trailer tongue.
- Remove all loose gear.
- Keep it in the garage or behind the house out of sight from the road.

In Dry-Dock:

- Strip the boat so someone else can't.
- Make sure it's well lighted.
- Maintain regular visitation program.



**CRIPPLE CRIME'S TRIANGLE –
DENY OPPORTUNITY**

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BOAT & MARINE SECURITY THEFT PREVENTION



Some positive steps for the boat owner that will substantially reduce the risk of theft.