



BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

200 North Third Street, Burbank, CA 91502

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

TAILGATE THEFT ALERT

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Over the past week, the Burbank Police Department has seen an increase in thefts of tailgates from pickup trucks. In the majority of cases, the tailgates were stolen from Toyota trucks, model years 2011 to 2014. Tailgates without a locking mechanism are easily removed and can cost up to \$3,000 to replace. The majority of tailgates are not marked or labeled with identification numbers, making it difficult to identify and return them, if recovered.

The Burbank Police Department would like the community to be aware of this recent trend and is providing the following tips to help prevent and deter tailgate thefts:

- Permanently etch your tailgate with your driver license number, vehicle license plate number, and/or vehicle identification number. This will help law enforcement identify and return it to you, if it's recovered.
- If your tailgate is not equipped with a lock, attach a hose clamp or after-market lock around the pivot point of the tailgate. There are several resources available online that explain this process.
- When home, park your truck behind a gate or inside of a garage, if possible. If you live in an apartment complex, utilize a secure parking garage, if available.
- Whenever possible, park your truck in a position that prevents someone from opening the tailgate, like against a gate or a wall.
- Consider installing motion-sensing lights covering the area where you park your truck.
- Video surveillance cameras are a great tool and resource that can help the police identify suspects involved in criminal activity. They also act as a good crime deterrent.

The most recent tailgate thefts were reported in the 1000 block of Grinnell Drive, the 1600 block of Chandler Boulevard, the 1900 block of North Rose Street, the 1000 block of North California Street, and the 900 block of North Orchard Drive. Anyone with information about these thefts is asked to call Burbank Police Property Detectives, at [\(818\) 238-3210](tel:8182383210).

The Burbank Police Department reminds you to always report suspicious activity on our non-emergency, 24-hour number, at [818-238-3000](tel:8182383000).

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS STATEMENT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:
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