

PARKING LOT SAFETY

Good lighting has been recognized by the parking industry as significantly effective in achieving parking lot safety. Emergency telephones are sometimes located in or near parking lots.

Parking Tips:

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Park under/near lights.
- Park near smaller vehicles. Avoid parking next to vans and large vehicles. These large vehicles can hide your car and make it more difficult for others to observe someone breaking into your automobile. It also can provide a great hiding place for a would-be thief or attacker.
- Don't occupy more than one space. You may get retribution from angry fellow motorists as well as parking citations.
- Always lock your vehicle, close the windows, and lock any valuables or packages including laptops, cell phone, and briefcase in the trunk.
- Do not hide a spare key in or on your car -- it can be found.
- Never leave an I.D. tag on your key ring. If you lose your keys or they are stolen, an I.D. tag can help a thief find you, your car and your house.
- As you approach the car, have your keys ready to open your vehicle and check the seats before getting in.
- Know where the emergency phone is located in the area where you normally park.
- Be aware. Report suspicious activity immediately to University Police.
- Reduce the risk of having your vehicle stolen. An ignition kill switch, various alarms, and/or steering wheel bar are great weapons against car theft.

Campus Driving Tips:

- Watch for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Do not cut through empty spaces and lanes. Be watchful of other motorists who may do this.
- Obey pavement directional arrows, crosswalk markings, posted speed limits, and "yield" or "stop" signs.
- Always drive with your doors locked. Be suspicious of anyone approaching your vehicle. Whether they are passing out leaflets or asking for donations, do not engage them.
- Drive slowly and use your turn signal.
- Always wear your seatbelt "Click It or Ticket". It's the law.
- Obey posted speed limits on campus
- All traffic accidents must be reported immediately to University Police by owners or operators of the vehicles involved.

- Use Caution approaching commercial type vehicles (Semi Trucks) on University roadways they have a large turning radius, blind spots, and set higher than common vehicles.
- Never stop and give assistance to a stranded motorist. Call local law enforcement and report it to them.

Pedestrian Crosswalks Tips:

- Drivers must yield when a pedestrian who enters or is in a marked or unmarked crosswalk. When a crosswalk covers two lanes of traffic, drivers must wait until pedestrians have cleared the entire crosswalk before proceeding.
- Pedestrians should use crosswalks whenever available. When crossing at any place other than a marked crosswalk, pedestrians must give the right-of-way to drivers. Drivers, however, must use due caution for pedestrians at all locations.