

Personal Safety and Security Tips

1. Keep car doors locked and windows rolled up.
2. Keep at least half a tank of fuel and keep vehicle in good repair.
3. If your car breaks down, pull over as far as possible and turn on the emergency flashers.
4. If a stranger stops, speak to them through a partially rolled-down window, and ask them to go to a phone and call police or a tow service. Do not exit your vehicle until a law enforcement officer or tow operator arrives.
5. For longer trips, be sure you have water, food and blankets in your vehicle.
6. When parking, lock the vehicle, take the keys and conceal valuables, preferably in the trunk. During hours of darkness, park and walk in lighted areas as much as possible.
7. When returning to your vehicle, carry your keys in your hand and be ready to unlock the door and enter as quickly as possible. Scan the area, glance underneath the vehicle and take a quick look inside before entering.
8. Be aware of your surroundings; scan the area from time to time. Avoid losing track of your surroundings, others near you, or your personal property.
9. Carry minimal cash and valuables; wear minimal jewelry
10. Grip carried items firmly and avoid leaving them unattended.