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# CARJACKING PREVENTION TIPS

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**No one sets out to be the victim of a crime.**

## Location, Location, Location: Don't be Surprised

Certain areas make it easier for carjackers to engage with you. Drivers should be aware of the following frequent carjacking locations;

Anywhere a driver slows down or stops

- Residential driveways (getting in and out of the vehicle)
- Parking lots and garages
- Gas stations
- ATMs
- Intersections with stop lights

## Scenarios: Be Aware

### Bump and Run

- You are rear ended. A passenger from the vehicle that bumps you jumps into your driver seat when you go to assess the damage and exchange driver information. Note their description and call 911.

### Stranded Motorist

- **Do Not Stop** for apparently stranded strangers along the road. Note their location and call 911.

## Safety Tips: Think Ahead

Always be aware of your surroundings. Make it a habit to enter your car, lock your doors immediately and drive away. Look around for suspicious persons sitting in vehicles or loitering in the area before entering your vehicle. Always;

- Park in well-lit, visible areas
- Keep your windows up and doors locked
- Equip your vehicle with anti-theft/GPS
- Give yourself room to maneuver around stopped traffic. Don't get 'boxed' in.
- Keep your cell phone in your pocket
- **Trust your instincts**

Create a Smart 911 profile and include your vehicle information.

## IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF A CARJACKING

- Give up your car and leave the scene.
- The vehicle can be replaced. You are irreplaceable.
- Avoid verbal/physical confrontations.
- Remember the suspect(s)' description and their vehicle's description (if they have one).
- If there is a child in the vehicle, let the carjacker know "my child is in the car."

**Call 911 immediately to report the crime**



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