



**CRIME  
PREVENTION**

# Car

# Smarts

## Crime Prevention Tips

When using a parking garage, try to park in well-lit areas and near the elevators whenever possible.

Thieves do more than window shop. Don't leave anything in plain view including your cell phone, laptop, CD's, money or other personal belongings. Secure any valuables or personal belongings in your trunk and use your internal trunk lock when possible.

Never keep personal information such as: your owner's card, insurance card, personal mail or other information that could tell a thief more about you than you would want them to know.

Look around your car before you leave the parking area. Take your ticket with you and write down the floor and location of your car before you exit the garage.

Install security devices to slow a thief down. Never leave a running vehicle unattended.

When using a valet or parking lot attendant, don't just hand over your keys without making sure that the person wearing the uniform actually works for the valet service or the parking lot. Ask the valet if they park the cars in a secure location.

Separate your car keys from your house keys. Only leave the key necessary to operate your car. Remember not to leave your cell phone, personal information, or anything else in plain view.

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When you return to your car be sure to look around the area and under your car. If you see anything suspicious, have a flat tire or your car appears to have been damaged, call 911 and immediately contact the parking facility management office.

When driving, keep your doors locked and drive with your windows at least half way up. Valuables placed on a car seat with the windows open provides an opportunity for someone to grab them before you can even react.

Make sure your car is fully equipped with area maps, a flash light, batteries, jumper cables, flares or reflective triangles, tire inflator and other emergency equipment in the event you have a flat tire or your car breaks down. Utilize an auto service company that can assist you with any emergency tow service or travel problems. Keep your cell phone charged in the event of an emergency.

Be car smart.

*For more information, contact Center City District's Crime Prevention Services at 215.440.5500.*

