

CRIME PREVENTION & SAFETY TIPS

Miscellaneous Crime Prevention Tips

- It's a good idea for those who have GPS units in their vehicles to purchase a weighted dashboard mount. Thieves often look for the suction cup mark on the windshield and whether the unit is hidden in the car or not, they assume it's in there somewhere and subsequently break into the car.
- Keep all valuable possessions out of view in your vehicle. If it's an item that can easily be removed, keep it with you or secure it in the trunk area.
- Never park in an unpopulated or isolated area when running errands or shopping etc.
- At night, park in well lit areas if possible.
- Some of the newer vehicles come equipped with an automatic lock feature when your vehicle is put into drive. If your vehicle does not have this feature, it's a good practice to keep your doors locked when you're driving. This prevents an individual from gaining access inside your car when you're at a traffic light or stop sign.
- Never roll down the window of your vehicle when approached by any unknown or suspicious person. They may claim they have car trouble or they're asking for directions. This is a possible tactic to catch you off guard.
- Never count your money out in a public setting. This also goes for business owners counting money at the end of the business day in their establishments prior to and after closing time.
- When you're leaving work or any type of event, especially in the night hours, it's a good practice to walk to your vehicles with other people. (SAFETY IN NUMBERS)
- Prior to entering your vehicle, it's a good practice to do a quick check in and around the vehicle for the criminal element.