



PARKING LOT SECURITY TIPS

Parking lots come in all shapes and sizes from the giant high-rise or the flat lots of a small retail center with only a few stores. While parking lots provide a great service by allowing us access to retail and offices centers, they sometimes create a substantial risk.

The most common property crime in a parking lot is theft. Where else can you find such a selection of automobiles left unattended---it's a thief's dream.

To reduce your chance of becoming a crime victim, be mindful of these tips:

- Plan when to go and where to park
- Park only in a well-lighted and highly-visible location
- If you cannot see 100 feet at night, park elsewhere
- Park in higher traveled areas of the lot, if possible
- Do not get out of your car if you see a person acting suspiciously
- Remove all interior valuables from plain view
- Never leave your purse or wallet in the car--not even for a short period of time.
- Scan the area around your car as you approach it
- Teach your family to enter and exit the car quickly and lock all doors
- Call the police to report any suspicious activity

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