

Safety In Your Car

- Keep your gas tank full and your vehicle's engine well maintained to avoid breakdowns.
- Always lock your car doors, even when you're inside, and keep your windows rolled up.
- Lock packages and other valuables in the trunk. Do not leave them on the back seat or on the floor of the vehicle where potential thieves can see them.
- When you return to your car, always check the front and back seat before you get in.
- Never pick up hitchhikers.
- If your car breaks down, pull over to the right as far as possible, raise the hood, and wait inside for help. Do not get out of the car or roll down the window until the police arrive.
- Don't leave your purse on the seat beside you when driving. Place it on the floor.
- When you arrive at home, keep the headlights on until you have the car in the garage and the house door unloaded.
- Although they are an expense, it is recommended you have a portable cellular telephone in your motor vehicle. They can be invaluable if you have mechanical problems, are involved in or witness an accident, feel threatened, etc.
- If you purchase gas and go inside to pay for it, take your vehicle keys with you.
- Don't keep your car keys on the same ring as your house keys. If your car is stolen with the keys in it, you don't want the thief to also have the keys to your home.
- When stopped at traffic lights, be aware of diversions. A criminal may try to sell a vehicle driver something or perhaps beg money, while a second criminal reaches in a window or enters the vehicle from the passenger side.
- Do not rent vehicles that are clearly marked as rental vehicles. Thieves often target rentals because they believe tourists who carry a lot of money drive them.



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact
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