



MAYOR BYRON W. BROWN PRESENTS SAFETY TIPS FROM THE BUFFALO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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TIPS TO AVOID BEING CARJACKED BEFORE ENTERING YOUR CAR

- **Be alert to any activity near your car, or in surrounding areas.**
- **Always have your keys in your hands when approaching your car, to provide protection and ensure fast vehicle entry.**
- **If there is someone loitering by your unoccupied car as you approach it, keep walking until they leave.**
- **Before entering your vehicle, check the handles, locks, and backseat.**
- **If possible, carry a cell phone or keep one in your car.**

ONCE IN YOUR CAR

- **Keep your doors and windows locked.**
- **When stopping in traffic, leave distance between your car and the one in front of you, enough so you can pull away quickly if necessary.**
- **Be alert when using drive-up services, especially automated teller machines (ATMs).**
- **Upon reaching a destination, always park as close as you can to that location, or in a well lit area.**
- **Never leave your keys or valuables in your car when going into a store, restaurant, or other destination.**

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TIPS TO PREVENT THEFTS FROM AUTO

- **Be sure to lock doors.**
- **Never leave valuables in your vehicle. If it is necessary, place them out of sight before arriving at your destination.**
- **Park in a well lit area, as close as possible to your destination.**
- **Never leave anything with your personal identification information in your car or attached to your keys.**
- **When using a public parking garage or valet service, only leave the attendant with the ignition key to your vehicle.**

TIPS TO PREVENT THE THEFT OF YOUR VEHICLE

- **When leaving your car, be sure to lock your doors and take your keys.**
- **Never leave your car running while unattended.**
- **Never leave your registration, insurance or personal identification information in the car and always leave a copy in a safe place at home.**
- **Install a car alarm and/or a secondary switch (“kill switch”).**
- **Don’t let potential buyers test-drive your car alone.**
- **Use a steering wheel locking device.**

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