



AVOID BEING A CARJACKING VICTIM!

Recently, carjacking has increased dramatically nationwide and can take place within 15-20 seconds. ***Please be proactive and be prepared.***

HOTSPOTS:

- Residential driveways – getting in and out of the vehicle
- Parking lots and garages
- Gas stations
- ATMs
- Highway entry and exit ramps
- Intersections with stop lights

SCENARIOS:

- **Bump & Run** Criminal rear-ends or bumps your car
- **Vehicle behind you flashes their lights**
- **Stranded Motorist**
 - **DO NOT STOP! DO NOT PULL OVER! DO NOT GET OUT!**
 - Note your location and call 911



SAFETY TIPS:

- **BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS:**

- Avoid reading your cell phone while waiting in traffic or a stoplight
- Make it a habit to start your car and drive away immediately. Teach your children to get in and out of the car quickly.
- Look around for persons sitting in vehicles or loitering in the area before entering/exiting your vehicle

- **PARK IN WELL-LIT AREAS THAT ARE VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC**

- **KEEP WINDOWS ROLLED UP AND DOORS LOCKED NO MATTER HOW SHORT YOUR TRIP OR HOW "SAFE" THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

- **LEAVE SPACE BETWEEN YOUR CAR AND THE CAR AHEAD OF YOU WHEN STOPPED IN TRAFFIC OR TRAFFIC SIGNAL:**

- This will allow you space to maneuver and escape if necessary

- **KEEP YOUR CELL PHONE, WALLET AND HOUSE KEY IN YOUR POCKET OR IN A SMALL CROSS BODY BAG: DO NOT KEEP YOUR PURSE IN THE PASSENGER SEAT, FLOOR OR SEAT BEHIND**

- If the criminal gets your bag and/or cell phone, they will know your address and you won't be able to call 911.

- **IF YOU ARE IN A CAR ACCIDENT, DO NOT GET OUT OF YOUR CAR:**

- If your car can drive go to a well-lit busy area and call 911
- If possible, drive to the nearest police station

- **CREATE A PROFILE at [Smart 911.com](http://Smart911.com) with your vehicle information.**

- **IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF A CARJACKING:**

- **DON'T FIGHT BACK!** Give up your car and leave the scene. Your vehicle can be replaced. It is not worth getting hurt or losing your life.
- **IF YOU HAVE A CHILD IN YOUR CAR, LET THE CARJACKER KNOW:** They don't want to be responsible for a child.
- **MAKE A MENTAL NOTE OF THE SUSPECT(S)' DESCRIPTION AND THEIR VEHICLE'S DESCRIPTION IF THEY HAVE ONE**
- **CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY!**