



Good Car Safety Habits to Adopt

1. Never leave your car running unattended.
2. Lock your doors when you get in your car.
3. If you see a motorist in distress, call 9-1-1 rather than stopping to help.
4. If you are being followed, drive to the nearest police or fire station. A populated area is a good default.
5. Keep your vehicle and tires in good condition to prevent breakdowns – stranding you in a dark or unfamiliar place.

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Car Theft Prevention and Break-in Safety



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SF Police Department Resources:

Police/Emergency 9-1-1
Police (non-emergency) 415-553-0123

City & County Resources:

All city services (within SF) 3-1-1
All city services (outside SF) 415-704-2311
SF District Attorney's Office 415-553-1751
DA's Victim Services Division 415-553-3044
HOT (Homeless Outreach Team) 415-355-7555
City Attorney's Office 415-554-4700
Code Enforcement 415-553-6454

Emergency Preparedness Resources:

Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) 415-970-2022
Department of Emergency Management 415-553-3800
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As vehicle break-ins continue to be problematic in San Francisco, SAFE's role in the community is more important than ever. Your role is critical, too. You may be able to minimize the chance of a vehicle break-in, theft or carjacking. Don't become a victim! Use common sense. It's your best defense.

6 Theft and Break-in Safety Tips When Your Car Is Parked



- 1 Trunk:** Never leave valuables in your car unattended. If necessary, place valuables in your trunk before you park.
- 2 Car Lock:** Always lock your vehicle, close windows/sunroof completely, and take the keys.
- 3 Glove Box:** Remove all papers with your personal information from your vehicle including mail, bills, checkbook, etc. Keep your vehicle title (pink slip) safe at home.
- 4 Street Light:** Park in a well-lit area that's busy with foot traffic and/or has a parking attendant. Note where you parked.
- 5 Car Key:** Never keep a spare key in or on your vehicle. Give parking attendant only your car key. Keep your other keys with you.
- 6 Garage Door Opener:** When parking outside your home, never leave your garage door opener in your vehicle.

Cars are less likely to be broken into when they appear empty - never leave valuables in your vehicle.

If You Become a Victim of Vehicle Theft or Break-In

The best way to prevent vehicle theft or break-in is to always lock doors, close windows/sunroof, and never leave valuables in your car. If a theft or break-in occurs, report immediately to the police. Provide detailed information that can help identify your vehicle or stolen items:

- License plate number and VIN number
- Any identifying features that make your vehicle distinctive (stickers, window decals, dents, etc.)
- Any special items of value (phone, radio, GPS, CD player, tire brand and size)

Avoid carjacking by staying alert when you stop. If carjacked, do not resist. Give up your car and go to a safe place to dial 9-1-1.



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