



SMASH & GRAB AWARENESS TIPS

- Lock all your doors and close the windows when driving.
- Never open vehicle windows or doors for strangers.
- Avoid opening your windows or getting involved in discussions with street vendors or anyone handing out flyers.
- Be constantly on the lookout for suspicious looking characters.
- Always be conscious of your surroundings and remain alerted when coming to an intersection or stopping your vehicle.
- Be wary of people standing at intersections – They may be innocent but perpetrators mix with these people while waiting for an opportunity to pounce.
- If you encounter obstacles such as rocks or tyres do not get out of your vehicle to remove them – immediately reverse and drive off in the opposite direction.
- If its late at night, slow down well in advance so that the light changes green by the time you reach the intersection.
- Leave a gap between you and car in front of you to give you room to escape (i.e drive away from the scene) if anything should happen.
- Be especially wary whenever you see broken glass lying on the road. If the pieces of glass are still scattered across the road, chances are that a smash and grab occurred there recently.
- Reduce the chances of being a target by removing that which the criminals are trying to get their hands on.
- Smash and grab car burglars aren't exactly criminal masterminds, many simply act on impulse.
- Do not have bags, cellular phones, briefcases or other valuables visible inside the vehicle – valuables only attract thieves who may break your car window.
- Hide your valuables – Car floors, dashboards and seats are not good places to leave items.
- If you cannot take valuable items with you, hide them out of sight in your trunk.

SAFETY WHEN PARKING



- Thieves target car parks, Always park your car in attended parking lots.
- When parking at night, ensures that you always park in a well-lit area.
- Keep your car visible. Thieves do not want witnesses – you can help prevent a smash and grab by parking your car in crowded areas near pedestrian and vehicle traffic.
- Never sit in your car without being conscious of your surroundings.
- Lock your doors and roll up your windows when you park.
- Activate your security system. Double check you doors that its locked.
- Consider window tinting (standard according to law).
- Avoid using the console or glove box as mobile lockboxes.
- Do not hand a car burglar your keys. Leaving you keys on the dash or in the ignition is an invitation to a car burglar, and keep in mind if you have a great hiding place for a spare key (in your wheel or above your sun visor) a thief has thought of it too.
- Stow your belonging like shopping bags and laptops in the trunk before you get to the parking area.



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