

PARKING FACILITY SERVICES & SAFETY

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Did you know that Salem parking facilities are patrolled by security officers who...

- ☞ Maintain radio contact with the Police Department.
- ☞ May be paged at 316-4507 to provide a variety of services, such as escorting parking patrons to and from their vehicles in a parking facility, helping to locate lost people and vehicles, and returning lost property.
- ☞ Assist you when there is an accident.
- ☞ Provide directions to government offices, businesses, attractions, events, and points of interest.
- ☞ Protect you, your loved ones, and your property by reporting suspicious activity directly to the Salem Police Department.
- ☞ Offer a friendly word and a helping hand.

What can you do to help?

You can help reduce the risks to your safety and the protection of your property by following these simple rules.

- Lock your car and roll up the windows.
- * Place packages and other valuables out of sight.
- Be alert to your surroundings and the people around you.
- Walk confidently at a steady pace.
- Wear clothes and shoes that give you freedom of movement.
- Avoid walking alone at night.
- Be careful when people stop you for directions. Always reply from a distance, and never get too close to the car.
- Attract attention any way you can when you are in trouble. Scream, yell for help, or yell "fire!"
- Walk into a store or business when you think you're being followed.
- Have the key ready when you return to your car. Check the front and rear seats and floor before getting in.
- Drive with all doors locked.
- Stay as calm as possible if you are attacked. Think rationally and evaluate your resources and options. It may be more advisable to submit than to resist and risk severe injury. You will have to make this decision based on the circumstances. But don't resist if the attacker has a weapon.

Continue to assess the situation as it is happening. If one strategy doesn't work, try another. Possible options in addition to non-resistance are negotiating, stalling for time, distracting the assailant and fleeing to a safe place, verbal assertiveness, screaming to attract attention, and physical resistance.

These crime prevention tips from City of Salem's Community Enforcement Division are for added protection. The parking facilities are safe. Hundreds of people use them each day without incident. If you have any questions, please call us at 588-6471. We are here to assist you.

The Salem Downtown Parking District

Offers a safe environment in which to park, shop, or simply visit its many attractions. Even so it is always wise to know and follow basic personal safety tips.

As a service to both customers and employees, this brochure was developed to summarize City sponsored services, and communicate basic crime prevention tips.



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