

Season's Greetings! The Lemont Police Department and the Lemont Township office would like everyone to have a safe and happy holiday season! Please see the attached VEHICLE SAFETY TIPS! Stay safe!

Vehicle Safety Tips

With the holiday shopping season upon us, residents need to be even more aware of their surroundings while out and about. Below is some information to assist in situational awareness:

- When stopped in traffic, don't pull too close to the car in front of you. Leave at least a car length so you won't be boxed in and can quickly go around if you need to.
- If you are involved in a minor fender-bender crash and more than one person from the other car gets out, don't get out of vehicle. Drive to the nearest police station and explain what happened. If it's a legitimate crash, the other party and the police will understand.
- When you are stopped in traffic, stay aware. Do not pick up your phone to talk, text or look at social media. Criminals prey on people who are distracted.
- Minimize the amount of time you spend in a car while parked. Avoid taking the time to check the internet before you leave your car to enter a home or a store.
- Don't ever leave your car running unattended, and never, ever leave children or pets inside a car unattended.
- If you feel like you are being followed, call 911 and drive to the nearest police station or flag down a police car.
- When parking your car at a store or in a parking facility, avoid bushes or other blocking objects. Remember this especially if you are parking for a long time that extends into darkness.
- Attach your seat belt only when you are ready to drive away. Those extra seconds can be an advantage if a problem arises.
- When returning from shopping, enter the garage and close the door before unloading. While home make it a point to keep your garage closed.
- Most of all: If you are ever confronted by a carjacker, armed or not, do not resist. Vehicles are recovered a majority of the time.

Residents are encouraged to "Lock It or Lose It." Please lock vehicles that are parked outside overnight. Close the garage door. Do not leave keys inside an unattended vehicle. If you observe any individuals who you don't recognize from the neighborhood, please contact the police by dial 9-1-1.

