

WORKPLACE SECURITY

Start With Parking Lot and Garage Security

When you enter an employee parking lot or garage, remember to think of your own personal security and safety. While there is no one criteria for determining “safe” parking spots, try to park:

- Where you can see for a distance around your vehicle.
- Where you can be seen (a highly visible location).
- In busy areas of the lot, close to the building entrance or public walkways, if possible.

Often, an organization will issue parking stickers. Frequently, parking spaces are marked for employee- or visitor-only use. These procedures help to identify employees and persons who may not belong in the facility. Whenever you witness suspicious activity in a parking lot or garage, or if you notice a vehicle that is out of place or appears abandoned, promptly report it to security personnel.

Parking Lots

Outdoor, ground-level parking lots are safer if they are:

- Well-lit and highly-visible.
- Fenced to limit access (fenced, gated, and guarded if necessary).
- Patrolled, especially at night.

Parking Garages

If you park in a multi-level parking garage, you face risks that are different from parking in an open ground-level parking lot. The columns used to hold up the parking garage roof limit visibility. The artificial lighting in these structures is normally not as good as daylight, and vandals can break or disconnect the light bulbs.

In addition, parking garages usually have secluded stairwells where assaults often occur. Elevators pose the same types of risks.