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Personal Safety Tips

By taking a few simple precautions, you can reduce the risk to yourself and also discourage those who commit crimes.

- 1. Never trust a door chain lock** - Whether in a hotel or at home, never rely on door chain locks for safety. Even amateurs can often undermine them in seconds.
- 2. Put tissues in peepholes** - If you are ever staying in a hotel room that has a door with an uncovered peephole, put a crumpled tissue in the peephole so that nobody can see into your room through it.
- 3. Keep your car key fob reachable from your bed** - Your night table is a good storage location - Car fobs contain panic buttons, and can double as a great alarm in case of emergency.
- 4. If you carry a physical car key, keep it in your hand when walking alone, especially in parking lots** - Having your key available reduces the amount of time between when you approach your car and when you drive away - thereby reducing your exposure to attack.
- 5. Enable remote wipe for your smartphone** - If it is stolen, you want to make sure that any sensitive information on your phone is wiped.
- 6. Do not overshare on social media** - People have a tendency to post vacation pictures while still far from home - but, if such information is seen by the wrong set of eyes it can lead to attempts to rob your home.
- 7. Cover cameras** - Cover the cameras in smartphones, laptops, tablets, smart televisions, etc. when you want to be sure that others can't record you.
- 8. Check for skimmers and hidden cameras** - Before making a credit card payment or using an ATM machine, check the device for added-on cameras or "skimming technology."
- 9. Park in well lighted areas near your destination.**
- 10. Avoid parking near strangers loitering or sitting in vehicles.**
- 11. Remember where you parked so you can return directly to your vehicle.**
- 12. Don't carry a lot of items in your hands when you are walking to and from your vehicle.**
- 13. Lock your doors immediately after getting into your vehicle.**



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