



Driving Dangers

One in every eight drivers will be involved in a motor vehicle crash this year, according to the National Safety Council.

Are You Prepared?

- Stop your vehicle if it is clear, safe and legal.
- Move the vehicle out of the traveled roadway, if it is clear, safe and legal. Arizona law allows for vehicles to be moved. (In some states it is against the law to move the vehicle from the place where the crash occurred. Know the ordinance in your area.)
- Turn off the ignitions of the cars involved.
- Make a first-aid check of all persons involved in the crash.
- Call the police and, if necessary, emergency medical services.
- Mark the scene of the crash with retroreflective triangles, if available.
- Gather the names of all persons in the motor vehicles and people who witnessed the crash.
- Make a quick diagram of where the vehicle occupants were seated and indicate the vehicles' direction of travel and lane. Also note the date, time and weather conditions.
- Ask to see the other driver's license and write down the number.
- Exchange insurance company information. Do not discuss "fault" or make statements about the crash to anyone but the police.
- Get a copy of the police report of the crash from the local precinct.

Reduce Your Carjacking Risk

- Be alert while driving
- Before leaving, plan a route to avoid dangerous areas. In unfamiliar areas, try not to drive alone. Always drive with your windows up and car doors locked.
- Be conscious of escape routes while driving. Always leave room to maneuver out of the area, keeping enough distance ahead of you when you come to a stop.
- Carjackers sometimes hit a car from behind and then pull a weapon when the victim gets out to investigate. If you think you have been bumped intentionally, don't leave your car. Motion to the other driver to follow you to the nearest police station.

Parking Your Vehicle

- Use caution when you enter or leave a parking lot and always be aware of your surroundings. Park in well lit areas where you can see and be seen.
- When returning to your vehicle, approach with caution. Have your keys ready, glance underneath the vehicle and check the front and rear floors. If someone is loitering near your car, avoid them, walk to any place of safety and call the police.
- As in every situation, the foremost concern is your personal safety. If you are confronted by a carjacker, don't resist. Remember: a car can be replaced but your life cannot.

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