

# *ON THE ROAD*



Carjacking has increased in recent years and usually involves one or more criminals taking your car through the threat or use of force. Most carjacking happen in less-traveled areas, especially at night. They often occur at a red light where a carjacker opens an unlocked door and forces the driver out of the car. Or a pair of carjackers may use the tactic of bumping your car from behind with their car. When you get out checking for damage, the carjacker gets into your car and drives away. When you're on the road, keep these safety tips in mind:

- Know your route before you start.
- Park in areas that are well-lit and close to buildings and walkways.
- As you approach your car, check in and around it before getting in.
- Have the keys ready when you approach your car. Check the back seat and floors before getting in.

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- When in your car, lock the doors and keep the windows rolled up, especially in unfamiliar areas or at night.
- When driving, stay alert for suspicious people or vehicles.
- If your car is bumped from behind and you don't feel it's safe to get out, try to get the license plate number and description of the car and drive to a nearby police station, gas station, or safe place to phone the police.
- If a suspicious car is following you, don't drive home. Go to the nearest police station, hospital emergency entrance, or other safe place. Try to get a description of the car, including a tag number, and phone police from there.

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