

Downtown Indianapolis and Parking Garage Safety

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General Downtown Safety Tips

- ⊕ If you feel you are being followed, here are some options:
 - Go to a public place with others present.
 - Keep an eye on the person and memorize details in case you need to give a description.
 - Call 911 and provide the description.
 - Yell out to bring attention to yourself.
 - Approach a stranger and start speaking to them as if you know them. This will throw potential perpetrator off.
- ⊕ Don't carry a weapon unless you are well trained to use it. Otherwise it can be used against you.
- ⊕ Car theft and issues with panhandlers are two of the biggest issues IMPD deals with in the Downtown District. They do undercover work to address both.
- ⊕ Panhandlers downtown are not committing a crime until they approach you or talk to you.
- ⊕ Pick-pocketing is not a big issue in the Downtown District but the number of incidents increase during large Downtown events.
- ⊕ Make sure you are paying attention to your surroundings.
- ⊕ You are more likely to become a victim if you walk with your head down, not looking around you.
- ⊕ Look at the people that speak to you so can describe them if you are ever asked to do so.

Parking Garage Safety Tips

- ⊕ Pay attention to your surroundings.
- ⊕ Park in well lit areas.
- ⊕ Avoid parking by pillars as a person could hide there.
- ⊕ When you are scared or sense danger, listen to your instincts:
 - Go get someone else
 - As you are approaching your vehicle, if you don't feel right, walk away
 - Press the panic button on your vehicle's keyless entry device
- ⊕ Always have your keys out as you approach your vehicle
- ⊕ Don't place your purse on the passenger side seat, place on floor
- ⊕ Don't leave any valuables in sight in your vehicle, including your GPS