

PARKING LOT SAFETY



To reduce the risk of incidents, it is important to recognize potential hazards in parking lots. The following advice will help increase your awareness as both a driver and a pedestrian. Staying alert is a crucial factor in keeping yourself and others safe.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

- Remember that pedestrians can usually see a vehicle before the driver can see them.
- When possible, use sidewalks and crosswalks.
- Always look both ways before crossing a parking lot.
- Protect yourself from predators by staying aware of your surroundings, especially at night and in parking garages.
- In vulnerable locations, carry protection such as pepper spray, alarm, whistle, etc.
- If you witness any suspicious activity, be sure to report it to security personnel immediately.

DRIVER SAFETY

- The speed limit in parking lots is 15 mph or less, depending on circumstances.
- Avoid driving in reverse. More accidents happen when driving in reverse, due to lack of visibility.
- Avoid parking at an angle, or next to other cars that are parked at an angle.
- When backing out of a space, look in all directions and check all of your mirrors for pedestrians and other vehicles.
- Report hazards, such as unsafe conditions in a parking lot.

DON'T LEARN SAFETY BY ACCIDENT!

Report erratic or aggressive driving to the Department of Campus Safety and Security by calling (732) 255-0451.