**Working Late? Here are some parking lot safety tips.**

If you will be working late, be sure to move your vehicle to a well light parking place that is closest to the door by which you will exit before it gets dark.

Do not leave valuables in view inside your car.

Remember to back into your parking space allowing for a more rapid leave if a threatening situation develops.

Try and leave the building with co-workers if possible. The buddy system leaves you less vulnerable.

A small high intensity flashlight is helpful for illuminating the area around and under your vehicle, and allows you to check the back seat before unlocking and getting in.

Have your keys in your hands before you leave the building and remember to use the panic button on your key fob if you sense something is amiss.

Try and walk down the middle of the parking aisle keeping as much distance between you and the parked cars on either side. Don’t take shortcuts between vehicles.

Always walk with purpose and scan your surroundings.

Once in your vehicle, lock the doors immediately and get underway.

Always trust your instincts. If you get a bad feeling about walking out to your vehicle don’t!

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