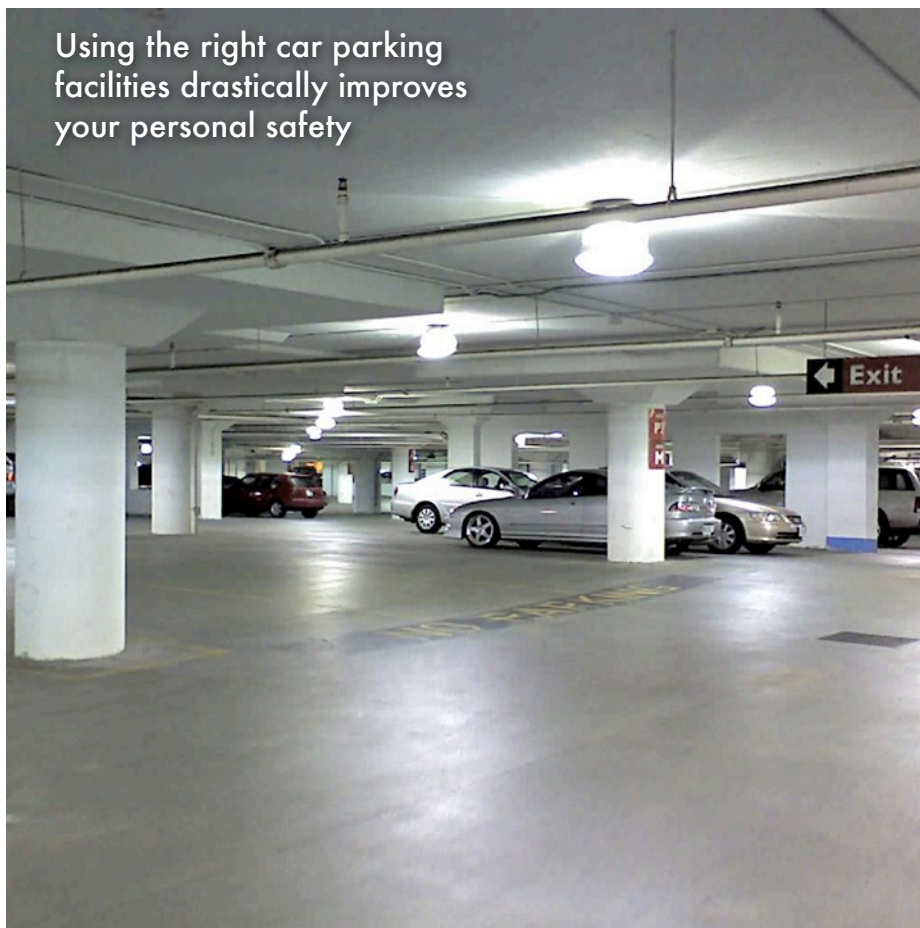


Parking your car

TRAVELLING
SAFELY

Using the right car parking facilities drastically improves your personal safety



These simple steps can give you peace of mind:

Choosing a parking space

- If possible, use a “ParkMark” car park.



- Avoid using poorly lit car parks. Whenever possible, choose a manned car park and park as close as you can to the attendant.
- If you park on the street, consider what it might look like if you should return after dark

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- Reverse into the space if possible.
- Try parking under CCTV cameras or the exit

- Hide away all valuables and obvious possessions including satellite navigation systems.
- Note exactly where you have parked your car. (Some people take a photo on their mobile phone camera, but do not draw undue attention to yourself)
 - If you collect a ticket on entering a car park, do not leave it in the car, as this will make it easier for a thief to steal your vehicle.

Returning to your car

- When returning to your car, have your keys ready so that you can get in quickly.

- Before entering scan the back seat to check no-one has climbed in.
- If someone is loitering near your car, consider asking someone to accompany you to your car.

Further information

The police safer parking scheme on

www.saferparking.com

Personal Safety Learning has more resources on

www.personalsafetylearning.com

Did you know?

One in five of all credit card thefts occur from unattended vehicles?



IF YOU FEEL THREATENED:

- Remember to trust your instincts - if it looks suspicious, something is quite possibly wrong
- Always be willing to let go of your possessions if your personal safety is at significant risk