



## Contact Numbers for Downtown Akron Partnership Safety Ambassadors and Akron Police

To report suspicious activity, ask a safety question or to request a safety escort to or from your car or public transportation, call **330-706-7383**.

Safe & Clean Ambassador Operations Manager:  
**330-762-9012** (office)  
**330-706-7374** (cell)  
safe@downtownakron.com

All safety issues requiring an immediate police presence should call the Akron Police Department emergency line at **911**.

- if you need an officer on the scene now
- if you see a crime in progress
- if a life is in danger due to crime or medical emergency

Akron Police Non-Emergency **330-375-2181**

- to report a non-emergency crime - one that did not just occur, and the suspect is not in the immediate area
- to ask questions about something suspicious occurring, and you are not sure it is criminal activity.

For safety issues not of a criminal nature, call Akron City Services at **311** (**330-375-2311** from a cell phone).

For non-emergency concerns about a parking deck or parking lot, call Ampco Parking at **330-434-7232**.

If you have a safety question or need to report suspicious behavior, e-mail safe@downtownakron.com or call **330-762-9012** or **330-706-7374**.

## If you would like Crime Prevention and Safety Training for your staff please contact

Downtown Akron Partnership  
at 330-762-9550  
or e-mail  
safe@downtownakron.com

The Downtown Akron Partnership Ambassadors are committed to keeping downtown Akron a safe and clean place to work, live and play.

Safety ambassadors patrol the 42-block Downtown Akron Special Improvement District and the Metro Transit Center six days a week deterring crime, providing escorts, visiting businesses and assisting pedestrians and motorists.

Safety Ambassador Hours:  
Monday - Thursday: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Friday: 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.  
Saturday: 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.



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*Promoting and building  
a vibrant and valuable Downtown*

### PLAY IT SAFE:

Simple precautions can minimize your chances of becoming the victim of an auto theft or break-in.



## Parking Safety

- Secure your windows, vents and sunroof and lock your car. Windows can be smashed in, but thieves will usually seek out cars with the easiest means of entry that will cause the least commotion.
- Be selective in where you park your car. Park in high-traffic, well-lighted areas if possible.
- Report suspicious activity as soon as you see it to an ambassador or police officer and to parking personnel.
- Do not leave valuables in plain view, even if your car is locked. Put them in the trunk out of sight. It's better to place them in the trunk before you reach your destination.

## Car Safety

- Use a visible mechanical device that locks the steering wheel.
- Pricy stereo systems have detachable faces for a reason. Remove yours when not in use and keep it with you.
- Alarm systems are only marginally effective. Smash and grab thieves are usually gone before anyone can respond.
- Do not leave your car running unattended, even to dash into a business, store or office or to close a gate.

- Do not leave any keys in the car or ignition, inside a locked garage, or in hide-a-key boxes.
- Do not keep your entire music collection in your car; bring only those CDs you plan to use that day.
- Do not keep boxes or bags in your car, even if they contain nothing of value. If thieves choose to check out their contents, you may be left with a broken window or door lock.
- If you are buying a new car, consider safety options such as systems that shut off the fuel supply so that a car can't be started or driven.

## Personal Safety

- Report any thefts or break-ins to police and parking lot personnel immediately.
- If you must leave an attendant, mechanic or valet a key, leave only the ignition key.
- For your personal safety, have your keys in your hand before walking to your car.
- Do not leave personal identification documents, vehicle ownership title, or credit cards in your vehicle.
- Keep your license plate and vehicle information (VIN) numbers and insurance information on a card and keep them with you.

## More Tips

Smash and grab thieves use the elements of speed and surprise to smash a car window when the car is parked or stopped at a traffic light, grabbing valuables, and then making a quick getaway.

Don't report an insurance claim until you know your loss is greater than your deductible. The claim goes on your insurance record, whether your insurance company pays out on the claim or not.

Some thieves are professionals; others are amateurs who act on impulse when they see a tempting opportunity. Taking simple precautions can minimize your chances of becoming the victim of an auto theft or break-in.

A leading cause of auto theft during the colder months stems from the vehicle left running in order to allow it to warm up.

Thieves are always on the lookout for valuable portable devices such as a laptops, GPS systems, Blackberries, cell phones, iPods and cameras.

Suspicious behaviors: tugging on door handles, looking in car windows, bumping against car to check for alarms.

# DON'T INVITE CRIME