

## How NOT to get Carjacked

Carjacking is here to stay and it's getting worse. Cars are harder to break into so criminals are looking for opportunity - that's **YOU** when you have your **KEYS**.

Expect them to be men. Expect them to be armed. Expect them to be violent.

This is how you stop them.

## For Your Car

- Install a dash cam if you don't have one
- Buy good tires, keep them inflated
- Never leave anything valuable OR YOUR KEYS visible inside your vehicle.
- Consider installing a tracker or placing a portable one in your vehicle.
- Have a window breaker-seatbelt cutter.



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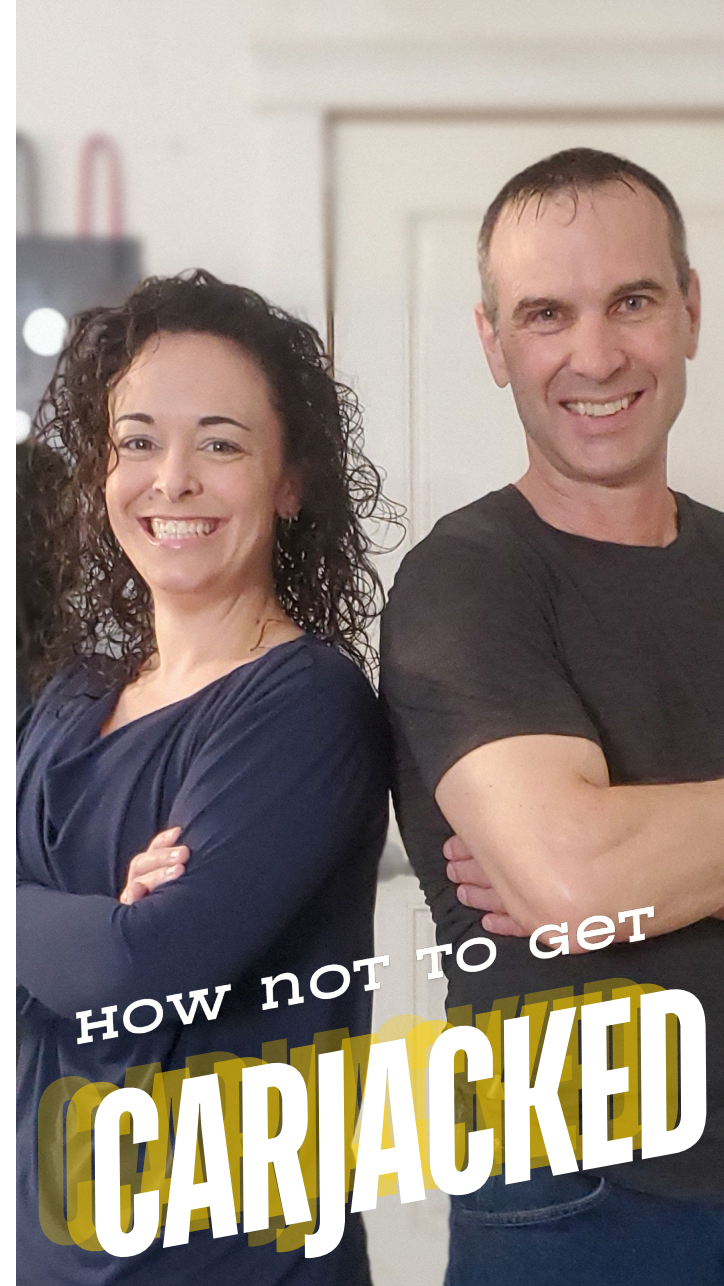
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Women's Self-Protection

## Driving Habits

- Park in well lit areas.
- Keys in hand as you approach. Scan the area. Go back inside if something doesn't feel right.
- Windows up. Always.
- Drive ASAP - don't stay there texting (or anything else). Get in, lock your doors immediately, put your seatbelt on and go. Everything else can wait.
- Adjust your seat. You should be able to rest your wrist on the steering wheel without reaching.
- Hold the steering wheel at 3 and 9
- Adjust your mirrors outward. The only part of your car you should see is the back corner.
- Check your mirrors often. If you think you are being followed do NOT go home. Drive to a police or fire station. Call the police on your way.
- Avoid high crime areas, especially at night.
- When stopping behind someone, leave enough space to see where their tires meet the road.
- Fuel up before you are at 1/4 of a tank. Do it during the day. Close and lock your doors, keep your keys in your hand.
- Never use an ATM in poorly lit or remote areas

## Riot Response

- Every time you stop, look around OUTSIDE your vehicle. If something or someone doesn't "feel" right, it isn't. Drive away.
- If a crowd surrounds you, drive away slowly (less than 10km/hr)
- Aim for where there are fewer people
- Don't forget - backward can work too
- Rock your car - go forward and backward about 1 meter. This prevents "tipping"

## If They Attack

- Assume they have a weapon - drive away. Don't hesitate. Find a gap and go with the traffic.
- If they take you they will probably kill you. Fight back as if your life depends on it. It does.
- Child in the car? Don't ask. Tell them you are getting your child out then do it. Climb through the car if you can.

## Common Tactics

- **Bump...** they bump you, you get out to check for damage, they attack. **Stay in your car, windows up, call the police**
- **Stranded Stranger...** You stop to help. They attack. **Don't stop. Call the police, tell them someone needs help.**

## Common Tactics Cont'd

- **Blocked In...** You get blocked in, they steal your car. **Leave space in front of your car. Turn sharp, drive away. You may have to push the car in front or behind you. Don't ram. Pick left or right and turn sharp in that direction, nose up, make contact, then accelerate to "push" the other car. Go back and forth to create space. Keep turning sharply (think of turning your car sideways). Your car will "slide" out when there is enough space.**
- **Waving...** Someone gestures that maybe you have an issue so you pull over. They steal your car. **Keep driving. Call the police.**
- **Unmarked Police...** **Do not pull over. Continue driving, call the police, ask if they have an unmarked vehicle in the area.**
- **Construction...** In some areas, construction zones are really just a decoy. You stop, they swarm your car. **Practice "Rocking" as before.**
- **Something On Your Windshield/Back Window...** You get into your car, notice something is smeared on or stuck to a window. You get out to clear it. They attack. **Drive away! Fix it later. Do NOT use your wipers - whatever is on your windshield will only smear and make it more difficult for you to see.**