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For your personal safety and awareness, we have received a few reports of larcenies from automobiles in the area surrounding the Morningside campus. We'd like to remind you of a few safety habits to help protect your vehicle and personal belongings.

Here are a few simple ways to help reduce the risk of theft from your vehicle:

- **Always lock your vehicle** even if you will only be away for a few minutes. Ensure all doors and windows are secured before leaving it unattended.
- **Remove valuables from sight.** Bags, laptops, phones, wallets, shopping bags, and other personal items should never be left visible inside a vehicle.
- **Secure belongings before arriving at your destination.** If you need to leave items in your vehicle, place them in the trunk or another concealed compartment before parking.
- **Park in well-lit, highly visible areas whenever possible.** Locations with good visibility and regular pedestrian traffic may help deter criminal activity.
- **Take all keys and key fobs with you.** Never leave keys inside an unattended vehicle.
- **Remain aware of your surroundings.** If you observe suspicious activity around parked vehicles, move to a safe location and report it to Public Safety or local law enforcement.

A few simple precautions can go a long way toward protecting your property. Stay vigilant, look out for one another, and help keep our community safe.

For more crime prevention tips, please visit the [Columbia University Public Safety Crime Prevention Tips page](#).