## C.W. Post Campus Department of Public Safety

## **Automobile Safety Tips**

Each year, too many people each year return to their cars to find their windows shattered and property taken. Radios, GPS units, money and valuables are often the objectives sought by perpetrators. Following certain safety tips can reduce the likelihood of becoming the victim of car theft or vandalism.

Here are some simple habits that you can adopt; when performed consistently they serve to dramatically reduce the chances of automobile vandalism.

- ✓ Keep your automobile windows and doors closed and locked at all times, even when you are driving or sitting in the vehicle.
- ✓ Remember to take your keys with you.
- ✓ Activate all anti-theft devices. An automatically activated device is recommended.
- ✓ Do not keep valuables or electronics in plain sight inside your automobile.
- ✓ Put all packages and valuables in the trunk and out of sight when you are leaving your automobile.
- ✓ Make a list of all valuables with the serial number and model type.
- ✓ When walking to your automobile at night, have your keys ready in your hand.
- ✓ Always check the back seat before getting into your automobile.
- ✓ Do not leave your license, registration, or title inside the automobile- thieves can use this information to facilitate the sale of your car.
- ✓ Never place your automobile keys on the same key ring as your house keys.
- ✓ Periodically check your automobile to make sure that both license plates are affixed. A stolen plate can be used by a thief to commit a more serious crime.
- ✓ Do not park your automobile in secluded or dimly lit areas.

For Public Safety Emergencies please call 516-299-2222

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