

Safe Parking Quick Reference Guide

Good parking is the result of two main actions:

- 1. Finding a good space; and
- 2. Positioning your vehicle optimally within that space.

Here are some suggestions on how to do it:

Seek the "Great Space". This is a space that offers protection on both (or all) sides of your vehicle. If you can't find a Great Space...

Find a "Bonus Space". This is one with extra space on at least one side. Utilize that extra space to leave more room between you and your neighbor. If you can't located one with extra space...

Select a "one-sided" space, next to a wall, bushes, etc. These spots are usually at the end of a row. Once again, park as far away from the adjacent vehicle as possible. (Use extra caution when pulling in close to one side.)

Watch the slope. Never park "downhill" of another vehicle's driver door. **Watch your neighbors** – before you pull in, ask yourself: "Do I <u>really</u> want to park next to them?" (But remember that your neighbors will most likely change during your stay.)

Check out the street parking. It may be your best choice. Pull up to a driveway or find a corner space so that no one will back into (or out of) the space in front of you.

Diagonal parking on the street is very dangerous – avoid it at all costs.

Stay out of parking structures if you can. If you must, look for a space far from the store entrance. Although there may be a number of great spaces there (because of all the concrete columns and walls) be careful when navigating and *watch that slope!*

Take a walk! Use "safe parking" as a reason to take a nice walk.



The "Great Space"



"Bonus Space" Technique



Don't park like the silver car did!

Remember: Vehicles that are parked will <u>not</u> cause damage to yours – the danger is when they move.

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