



Road Safety

- Remember to drive on the left-hand side of the road, this is especially important if you are from the United States or another country that drives on the right.
- The use of seat belts is strictly enforced.
- The islands' maximum speed is 40 mph, and in towns the speed limit drops to 20 mph.
- Give Right of Way to Emergency Vehicles

Roundabouts / Traffic Circles

- You must yield to traffic already on the roundabout and to traffic entering the roundabout from your right
- DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE
- If you are involved in an accident, ensure your safety and that of your passengers and dial 911

IF YOU NEED HELP

If you are unfortunate enough to have your vehicle stolen or items taken from it, you should contact your local police station immediately.

If your car has just been stolen or broken into, dial 911.

When contacting the police, have the following details ready:

- **vehicle make**
- **vehicle model**
- **vehicle registration number**
- **location**

For more advice contact:

Community Police Department

Salt Mills Police Post
Grace Bay, Providenciales.
Tel: 941 5891

Grand Turk Police Station.
Pond Street, Grand Turk
Tel: 232 2410

Email:
communitypolice@tcipolice.tc

Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police



Community Police Department

Vehicle Security and Safety



PHONE ANONYMOUSLY
1-800-TIPS(8477)
WEB TIPS
Submit a Tip Online

Vehicle Security

Although it is unlikely that you will become a victim of crime in the Turks and Caicos Islands it is wise to follow some simple precautions. For more comprehensive advice please do not hesitate to contact the Community Police Department .

Preventing theft from your vehicle

You are twice as likely to have something taken from your car than have your car stolen. Take the thief's temptation away:

- Remove your stereo or CD player if you can.
- If you can't remove your stereo or CD player, mark it with your registration number
- Any other valuables you take into your car regularly should be marked in the same way.
- Don't leave valuables like handbags or credit cards on display. Take them with you or put them out of sight in the boot or under a seat.
- A large number of car break-ins involve the theft of a mobile phone. Mark your phone and battery with an identifying mark and keep a note of its serial number in a safe place.

Even leaving an empty bag on display can be a temptation - a thief may think it contains something valuable. So keep bags out of sight.

Our Advice when leaving a car near the beach is to empty it completely of all valuables and leave it unlocked. This will prevent damage being caused by an offender to gain entry.

Parking your vehicle

Car parks and areas near people's homes are the main places from which vehicles are stolen or items are taken from them.

- If you've got a garage, use it and remember to lock it.
- If you haven't got a garage or if you are away from home, try to park in a well-lit open area.
- If you park on your own drive, reverse the car in. The doors will then open the wrong way for a thief wanting protection.
- Park in a public car park which is supervised, has restricted entry and exit points, is well-lit and has security cameras. Avoid dark corners.
- Put your aerial down to stop it being vandalized.
- Noisy gravel on your drive can help deter a would-be thief, as they don't want to alert you to their approach.
- Always take the keys out of the ignition even if you're just stopping to buy a newspaper or popping back into your home to get something.



While driving

- Know where you are going. Stop and get directions before you get lost.
- Carry a cell-phone and have it available to call in an emergency
- Avoid driving alone, especially at night
- Never pick up hitchhikers.
- If your vehicle breaks down or runs out of gas, pull over to the left as far as possible, raise the hood, and call or wait for help. Remain in your vehicle with the doors and windows locked until you can identify any person who comes to help.
- Keep your vehicle in good mechanical condition so it won't break down and leave you stranded on the road. Also keep enough gas in the tank so you won't run out.
- Be watchful of other drivers. You're obeying the law, of course, but are the other people on the road? Keep an eye out for people who drive recklessly, change lanes abruptly, slow down without warning, or anything else that could cause an accident. Use proper defensive driving techniques to avoid being drawn into any problems they may cause.

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