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Vehicle Security & Safety

According to a study conducted by BankRate.com, for 2024 Louisiana and Texas average 297 and 350 vehicle thefts per 100,000 people respectively. The most stolen vehicles are the full-size Chevrolet Silverado and Ford F-150 pickup trucks. With this said, the majority of our business lines operate these types of vehicles. This places GIS and its family companies at a substantial risk for having our assets stolen.

Below are a few tips to help you keep yourself and company vehicles safe when utilizing them:

- Plan your journey. Before arriving at your destination, have a good idea of where you plan to park. Try to park in well lit areas and as close to your destination as possible such as the front of the business or location.
- Try to park in main access areas as opposed to side streets where the view from the general public can be obscured. Pay attention to your surroundings and look out for persons lingering in the area. If you don't feel safe, your vehicle will most likely not be safe.
- If there are valuables in your vehicle try to remove them or take them with you, such as brief cases and lap top bags. If you can not take your valuables with you, try to secure them and place those valuables out of sight. Remember, firearms are not allowed in company vehicles or in company facilities.
- Roll up all windows, lock your doors, and **ALWAYS** take your keys with you. Never leave keys in a vehicle, including spare sets. When leaving the vehicle, ensure all doors are locked, and if driving a truck check the bed to ensure there are no items of value such as equipment or material.
- Newer model vehicles may come equipped with vehicle tracking apps, and while useful to ensure your vehicle remains safe, do not utilize the auto lock or unlock features. These features operate on cellular based services and may not be reliable. You may think you have locked your vehicle when in reality the vehicle remains unlocked.
- Lastly, when exiting or returning to the vehicle, pay attention to your surroundings, do not linger, and do not become distracted by items such as cellular phones. If you find something wrong immediately contact the HSE Hot-Line.

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