

GREENSBORO POLICE



Safety Tips for Food Delivery Drivers

Delivery drivers can be an attractive target because robbers know you carry cash and are alone. To reduce your chances of being victimized:

- Verify the delivery address by calling the phone number provided by the customer.
- Ask the customer to leave a porch light on prior to delivery.
- Never get out of your car at a dark house. A house that looks empty may be a set-up, so only deliver to the front porch if it looks like somebody is home.
- Don't approach a house with numerous people loitering near the door or on the porch. Call the customer and ask him/her to meet you at your car.
- Don't park in a place that you could be blocked in by another vehicle. Back into parking spaces for quicker exit.
- Park under a street light, if possible. Lock your car and take your keys.
- Never enter the customer's house.
- Deliver to lobbies and the front of well-lit houses. Having the customer come down to a hotel lobby may seem excessive, but it is safer than going up into the room where you could be robbed.
- Do not flash or carry a large amount of cash.
- Be aware of your surroundings—both in and out of the car. If you suspect you are being followed, stay in well-lit, populated areas. Consider altering your route to see if the vehicle remains behind you.
- Trust your instincts. If something does not look or feel right, do not make the delivery. Call your employer and explain that something does not feel safe.
- If you feel threatened, and your car has a panic alarm, consider activating it in order to draw attention to yourself.
- Carry a cell phone so you can report suspicious activity or a crime to po-



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If you are the victim of a robbery:

- Your safety comes first!!
- Try to remain calm and follow the instructions of the suspect.
- Assume that the subject is armed even if they do not display a weapon.
- Try to focus on remembering a good description of the suspect, the car, license plate number and direction of travel.
- After the suspect has left, lock yourself in the car or go to a safe place.
- Call 9-1-1 as soon as possible, and as close to the scene of the robbery as possible. Delays in reporting hamper the investigation and decrease the chances of apprehending the suspect(s).
- Do not go to your next delivery. Remain close by to talk to the police.
- Protect any evidence which the suspect may have left behind or touched.
- Ask witnesses to remain until police arrive or get their information.



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