# **TENDERLOIN SAFETY GUIDE**



The small businesses of the Tenderloin are excited to welcome guests to our eclectic neighborhood. As in any urban environment, being cautious and alert will help make your time in the district as safe as possible. Read more for helpful tips on parking and personal safety.

# **PARKING SAFETY**

**Trunk:** Never leave valuables in your car unattended. If necessary, place valuables in your trunk before you park.

### Car Lock:

Always lock your vehicle, close windows/sunroof completely, and take the keys.

**Glove Box:** Remove all papers with your personal information from your vehicle including mail, bills, checkbook, etc. Keep your vehicle title (pink slip) safe at home.

**Street Light:** Park in a well-lit area that's busy with foot traffic and/or has a parking attendant. Note where you parked.

Car Key: Never keep a spare key in or on your vehicle. Give parking attendant only your car key. Keep your other keys with you.

**Car Doors:** When entering and exiting any vehicle, look both ways before opening car doors to keep you and others safe.

Safety is personal. Develop your own safety best practices to stay safe. Be sure to practice them with your family and friends. **Be Safe!** 

# PERSONAL SAFETY

**Safety Mindset:** When heading out, take your time and activate your safety awareness. The old saying of "look before you leap" goes a long way to keeping you safe.

Be Proactive: Avoid potentially unsafe situations. It's okay to take a different route. Have a plan in case something happens. Enable the screen lock and location tracking features on your phone. Keep belongings close to you.

**Stay Alert:** Use all of your senses. Avoid using headphones. If you use your phone, you can still stay alert while doing so. Remain alert when out with others.

**Traffic:** The streets and sidewalks have lots of foot and vehicle traffic. Be mindful of space needed to get around. Step back from curb edges when waiting to cross. Pay attention to crossing signals and always look both ways. TLCBD's Safe Passage captains are out there to help you cross, say "Hello!"

**Response:** Think about how you may respond in an unsafe situation. Grabbing your phone and recording is NOT the first thing to do. Get yourself and those with you to safety first. You don't need a front row seat.

**De-escalate:** It's always best to decrease the intensity of a situation. Positive communication can be useful. If you're in a challenging situation, stay calm, stay aware of your surroundings, and look for a way out.

# **PLAN YOUR VISIT**



#### BY PUBLIC TRANSIT

The Tenderloin is a five-minute walk from either Powell or Civic Center BART. We are also located near SFMTA bus lines 5, 8, 30, 31, 38, 47 and 49.



### BY CAR

The closest parking garages are:

- EZ Public Parking (333 Jones St)
- Turk Street Garage (175 Turk St).



### BY BICYCLE

The Civic Center BART station offers secured, indoor racks that are available for public use (even if you're not riding BART). (Bike Link for lockers — likely in Union Square)



## BY MUNI

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