



Capital Metro Area

Safety Talk

RUNAWAY/ROLLAWAY ACCIDENT PREVENTION

Last Fiscal Year Cap Metro Area experienced thirty one (31) rollaway / runaway vehicle accidents. We accounted for nearly fifteen percent (15%) nationally of all USPS rollaway / runaway accidents and we ranked fourth (4) out of seven (7) areas in that regard. Already this FY we have experienced five (5) rollaway / runaway accidents. To prevent Rollaway / Runaway vehicle accidents from occurring to you, please remember to **KEEP YOUR KEYS** with you at all times. Keeping your keys demonstrates that two (2) of the four (4) steps to properly parking your vehicle have been accomplished. Please review the below steps to properly park a vehicle:

Step 1. Set the handbrake

When setting the handbrake, be sure to depress the brake pedal first. Then set the handbrake. Setting the handbrake without depressing the brake pedal will not hold the vehicle if you are on a hill or if the engine is running.

Step 2. Put your gear selector in park

If you are driving a manual transmission vehicle, place the gear selector in low/first or reverse.

Step 3. Curb your wheels

Remember, when parking your vehicle on a down hill slope with a curb, turn your wheels "into" the curb. When parking up hill with a curb, turn your wheel "out" from the curb.

If there is no curb, turn your wheels to the side of the road you are parking on. If you are parking on the right side, turn your wheel to the right. If you are on the left side of the street, turn the wheel to the left.

Step 4. Shut the engine off and remove the key

Regardless of how long you will be out of the vehicle, **SHUT THE ENGINE OFF!**

To properly secure the parking brake on most delivery vehicles, it is imperative the foot operated brake pedal be fully depressed prior to the hand brake being set. Setting the hand brake without first fully depressing the foot pedal does not necessarily make the vehicle secure.

By keeping your keys you have significantly decreased your possibility of being involved in a rollaway / runaway vehicle accident. Please remember to **KEEP YOUR KEYS**.

Thank You.