

THE SECURITY BUZZ



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Security bollards are being installed in front of Building 66, why?

Every three years, the Office of Security performs a Security Risk Assessment of the National Processing Center. One of the countermeasures recommended to lower the risk of vehicles running into Building 66 from Tenth Street was to have bollards installed.

If you are wondering what is a bollard, it's a rigid post that can be arranged in a line to close a road or path to vehicles beyond a certain width, and to separate traffic from pedestrians. Bollards are used as a security countermeasure to protect or block off something, such as Building 66. Many businesses are having bollards installed near their entry area(s) because that is usually their most vulnerable area for vehicles crashing into their store, accidentally, or on purpose. If you look around, you will notice many different types of bollards that may be disguised as things such as: planters, balls, heavy duty trash cans, artistic statues, ash urns, and more.

Summer security tips...

August heat has been climbing the last few days and so has the chances of vehicle windows bursting from heat stress. What can you do to relieve the stress and still protect your vehicle? For starters, you can roll your window down one-fourth to one-half an inch, that will allow the heat to escape without making it too obvious the windows are down. Another safer option is to purchase a window sunshade. Sunshades can be found at local dollar stores and are very inexpensive, but very effective in lowering the temperature in a vehicle. Window tinting can help too, but unless you apply it yourself, it may cost more than you want to invest. Parking in the shade is an option, if available, but at NPC most spaces are in the sun. Always keep valuables out of plain sight as that may make your vehicle less appealing to thieves. A determined thief probably won't let rolled up windows stop them, but they may pass your vehicle by if they don't see something worth stealing. Keeping a blanket in your car that closely matches your seats or floorboard is a good way to cover items you must leave, either on your seats or floorboard, and make them less noticeable. Lastly, if you have a habit of locking your purse, wallet, or packages in your trunk, do it discretely and don't do it if people are watching you.

OSY WEBSITE

How do you get to the OSY website?

On the Internet, go to: <http://cww.npc.census.gov/osy/>.

What can you look forward to in the next issue?

Workplace security tips and more.

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If you have questions or suggestions, who do you contact?

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