



TIP OF THE WEEK

Vehicle Safety and Parking Enforcement

How do you keep your vehicle safe?

No vehicle or anti-theft device is 100% theft-proof and discouraging thieves is not an easy task. A thief's greatest enemy is time. The more difficult your vehicle is to steal, the more time it takes to be stolen. Courtesy of the Edmonton Police Service and AMA, here are some tips to make that thief move to an easier vehicle:

- Always lock your vehicle, even when you are only going to be a 'minute'.
- NEVER leave your vehicle running.
- Park in a well lit area unless you have a garage.
- If you have a garage, USE IT.
- Be careful with your keys; put them in your pocket.
- Secure your registration and insurance documents; they have your home address.
- Completely close car windows, including sunroof, when parking.
- Install a car alarm or steering wheel locking device.
- Turn your stereo off before you get to the parking lot.
- Park with your wheels turned towards the curb.
- Back into your driveway if you have a rear-wheel drive or four-wheel drive vehicle.
- Never leave valuables where they can be seen and remove portable items.
- Engrave expensive accessories – join Operation Identification.
- Join the STOP THIEF program sponsored by AMA.
- Drop business cards, address labels, or other ID inside vehicle doors.
- Activate your vehicle's security system.

Parking Enforcement

NAIT Parking Services maintains the Institute's parking facilities and endeavors to provide as many parking spaces and services for staff, student, and visitor use. Because of the demand for parking space on campus, it is necessary to have a significant level of parking enforcement on campus in order to protect the interests of paying permit holders. Campus Security Services is responsible for providing parking enforcement and has the authority to issue the City of Edmonton Bylaw Tickets.

When the deterrent value of parking signs, yellow curbs and parking violation tickets is not sufficient to serve the interests of NAIT regarding safety, emergency services, the rights of other parkers, or key personnel essential to the function of NAIT, tow-away action may be implemented. Vehicles illegally parked at NAIT may be tagged and / or towed at the owner's expense.

City of Edmonton Bylaw Tickets

Within 15 days of receiving a bylaw ticket, a 'final notice' is mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle if the voluntary payment is not made by the due date.

After 45 days, a 'violation ticket' is created for processing. This ticket will have the required court appearance date printed on it. Failure to attend court may result in a 'conviction in absence'. Please be aware that additional penalties and motor vehicle services denial may be put into effect until all fines and penalties are paid.

If you wish to appeal a Bylaw Ticket, you must contact the Bylaw Ticket Administration office. Violations may be appealed within 15 calendar days from the date that the ticket was issued by writing a letter of explanation and appeal to the address listed below:

Bylaw Ticket Administration
2nd floor, Chancery Hall
9930-102A Avenue NW



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Phone: 780-496-5161

Fax: 780-496-5352

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday, 8:30am- 4:30pm

For more information regarding Parking and Parking Enforcement, please visit www.nait.ca/security.

If you have information about a crime, contact NAIT Protective Services at 780-471-7477. If you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Your identity will remain anonymous, and if the information you provide leads to a conviction, you could eligible for a reward of up to \$2000.00.

Everybody benefits, except the criminal.

Visit our website for more tips and information: www.nait.ca/security.