

Safety Tips to Prevent Traffic Collision Scam

The Long Beach Police Department would like to inform our community of a traffic collision scam, where the suspect(s) stage a traffic accident and get the victim to pull over and steal miscellaneous items from them.

How the scam works:

- The suspect **tricks the victim into pulling** over by claiming they were part of a traffic accident.
- The suspect's vehicle **cuts off the victim, forcing them to stop.**
- The suspect **requests the victim to exit their vehicle** to assess the supposed damage.
- While the victim is distracted, the suspect or an accomplice **steals items from the victim's vehicle.**
- The suspect then quickly flees the area with the stolen belongings.

Safety tips to reduce auto scam:

- **Always keep your doors locked** while driving and remove all valuables out of sight.
- **Remain vigilant and attentive to your surroundings.**
- If another motorist requests you to pull over, **assess the situation with your safety as the top priority.** Consider whether it's safer to pull over to a secure location or to continue driving.
- **If you feel threatened, leave the area and contact law enforcement.**
- If possible, **take note of the suspect vehicle's description and license plate.** If it is safe to do so, try to photograph the suspect.



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