

Personal Safety – Car Panic Buttons

These days, many cars can be locked and unlocked using a “car entry key fob.” Such a fob often includes a “panic button”– designed to sound the car’s horn (and perhaps also flash its exterior lights) to attract attention and summon help when pressed.



The intended functioning of a panic button depends on a number of things, including but not limited to the operating condition of your car’s systems, the freshness of your fob batteries and the absence of signal interference. But if your panic button is functioning as intended and is within operating range of your car, your home and personal security might be enhanced by using it in the following ways:

- Keep the fob on your nightstand for sounding an alarm if you hear someone vandalizing or breaking into your house.
- Carry the fob with you during the day for sounding an alert if you fall or become incapacitated.
- Keep the fob handy when walking to your car in a parking lot for attracting attention if you are threatened.