

PERSONAL SECURITY AND SAFETY TIPS

Prevent House robbery and theft

Do not leave keys in a hidden place for domestic staff or children; robbers often stake out a house and will find out about these hiding places. Do not give keys to people who do not live on the property or to anyone if not absolutely necessary.

After Hijacking

Get help as soon as the hijackers have left you and immediately report it to the police. The police have a greater chance of catching the criminals while they are on the move in your car.

How to avoid mugging

Look around you and be aware of your surroundings. Remember, an area is not safe just because you are familiar with it. Avoid going out unnecessarily after hours.

Around your vehicle

The criminal has become very clever and can use devices that are capable of jamming your remote when you endeavour to lock your vehicle. Give yourself time to hear the locking system activate, and check the doors are locked. Once again be aware of any suspicious characters in the vicinity.

Lighting at your Home

Always ensure that your house and surrounding garden are well lit at night. Security lights should be installed strategically around your property to give optimal illumination. Criminals do not like well-lit areas. Where possible, have an alarm in your house which sounds when these lights are activated.

Going on Leave.

Arrange for a neighbour you know to keep an eye on your property during your absence. Arrange for your post box to be emptied. A full post box is a first clue you are away and your house is empty. Where possible arrange for someone to house-sit your home. Inform your security company.

Security and your Garbage

When purchasing expensive items such as computers, TV's, electric appliances etc. do not throw the boxes out with your normal garbage as this is an advertisement for the criminal that there are valuables in the house.

Cash Deposits

When making cash deposits at Banks or ATMs, avoid high risk days (e.g. Monday after month end) and ensure no-one you do not know can see what you are doing.

Cash Withdrawals

When drawing cash from Banks or ATMs, be careful to ensure no-one is too close to you or watching what you are doing. If you feel unsafe, try later, or have a friend or someone you know with you.

In the Car

Always know where you are going. Fasten your seatbelt; lock your car doors and only leave your windows open about 5cm at the most. please do not use your cell phone while driving, unless you have a “hands free kit”.

On the Street

Do not have your valuables, such as jewellery, cameras, cell phones, etc. visible. Please carry only small amounts of cash with you and be aware of your surroundings and the people around you.

Shopping

Always keep your shopping bags where you can see them and, if you feel unsafe alone with people around you, get a friend or relative to go with you.

Luggage

Please do not leave your luggage anywhere unattended.

Important Telephone Numbers

Kwa-Mashu SAPS	<u>031- 504 9850</u>
Metro Police	<u>031 361 0000</u>
Fire Department / Ambulance	<u>031 361 0000 - 10177</u>
Security Control Room – Bridge City	<u>071 606 7496</u>
Shift Supervisor’s	<u>084 955 4785/ 076 488 5089 /079 225 0199</u>
Contract Manager - Mr. Richard Ndlela	<u>071 384 4946</u>
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