



PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS WHEN IN YOUR CAR

- Be alert getting in and out of your car. Make sure no one is lurking around.
- Have your keys ready when you approach your car and check that no one is inside the car before you get in.
- Lock your doors immediately after you get in your car.
- When driving keep all windows closed or, at most, not open more than would allow a hand to fit through.
- Never pick up hitch-hikers.
- Do not stop to pick up stranded motorists. The best thing you can do is call the police to assist.
- Park in well lit areas and keep your vehicle locked when it is parked.
- If your vehicle breaks down, raise the hood and switch on the hazard lights. Stay inside the car with the windows up and the doors locked. If somebody offers help, assess the situation to see if it is safe to accept assistance. Is the helper another motorist with a family, or a lone male driver? If you feel unsafe, ask the helper to call for assistance.
- Do not keep your car registration and license in your car - they'll tell burglars where you live. Keep them in your purse or wallet instead.
- Don't tell strangers of your movements or travel plans.
- Don't stop if a passer-by indicates that your car has a flat tire or other defect. Drive to the nearest service station or safe area and check it there.
- Be aware of anybody who approaches your car or is loitering near

traffic lights, stop streets, parking areas or your driveway. If approached by a suspicious -looking person, especially at night or in lonely areas, drive off quickly.

- If you suspect that you are being followed, you should ideally drive to the nearest police station. If this is not possible, drive to another safe place but don't go home.

Remember: Simple precautions can reduce the risk of crime, but even the most alert and cautious person can still end up a victim. If you do become a victim of crime, call the police immediately - the sooner you report the crime, the better.