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## **SECURITY AND SAFETY**

### **ROAD SAFETY TIPS.**

- Ensure that your vehicle is roadworthy at all times.
- Keep the petrol tank full at all times. Pre-check your vehicle before opening the door. Have the locks been tampered with in any way?
- Ensure that spare tyre and accessories are in good working order.
- Ensure a small fire extinguisher is fitted.
- Carry a working flashlight in the glove compartment.

- Carry a local road map.
- When getting into your vehicle, be observant.
- At all times **LOCK** your door once you get in your vehicle.
- Be alert to motorcycles that stop next to your vehicle, particularly if there are two riders.
- Always park with the front of the vehicle facing outwards.
- Communicate travel plans and arrangements to close friends or associates.
- Avoid routine. Learn different routes to and from places you regularly travel to or visit.
- Keep car doors locked and windows closed except for essential ventilation. If traveling alone, ensure the passenger windows are up and all doors locked.
- Do not offer a lift, or open doors or windows to anyone.

- Do not get too close to the vehicle in front of you. When you stop in traffic give yourself enough space to enable you to manoeuvre without having to wait for the vehicle in front of you to do so.
- Do not stop to provide assistance if you see an accident. Rather call the Police.
- When stopped at traffic lights, do not open purses or wallets in front of windscreen cleaners or newspaper sellers. If you regularly buy a newspaper this way, or have your windscreen cleaned, keep small change in the ashtray or dashboard.
- Keep to busy main roads and thoroughfares, especially at night.
- Ensure all bags, packages, briefcases etc., are kept on the floor of the vehicle, preferably under the seat and out of sight.
- If traveling to rural areas try to restrict travel to daylight hours.

- If you are on the road late at night or early in the morning (before daylight) take the following precautions at traffic lights: If the lights are red, stop and proceed forward cautiously, keeping the car in a low gear and in readiness to move off if it becomes necessary. Watch for persons hanging around or loitering.
- Familiarise yourself with a local road map. Learn to avoid areas prone to trouble. ▪Stay out of depressed communities, especially at night.
- When parking your vehicle at restaurants, bars or clubs, park in sight of the security personnel or in car parks manned by security personnel. When approaching your vehicle always have the door and ignition key in your hand. Remember to lock your car doors once you are inside.
- At all night entertainment locations, whether restaurant, club, bar, etc., there are numerous entrepreneurs/hustlers who will offer to watch or wash your vehicle for you. If you do not

require this service say so firmly and politely. If you are going to tip them do not display wallets, purses, etc. Always keep small change readily available.

## **ACTIONS TO TAKE IF CAUGHT IN A GUNFIGHT OR IF STOPPED AT A ROADBLOCK**

In light of the current high crime environment, we would like to offer the following courses of action to take if you find yourself caught in a gunfight:

- When approaching what appears to be an official roadblock or checkpoint, attempt to verify the roadblock or checkpoint's authenticity.
- When approaching the checkpoint at night, dim your headlights and only keep your parking lights on. This will make it easier for the officials to observe your registration plates without being blinded by the headlights. Turn on your interior vehicle light if possible.

- Follow the official's instructions regarding if and where you should stop.
- Most checkpoints have inspection areas near the side of the road. ■ Employees should carry company ID cards; family members should carry their company/personal ID cards.
- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Always carry a cell-phone with up to date contact information for emergencies.
- When gunfire/explosions are heard, immediately move to a safe area with good cover. For example, look for something substantial to hide behind, seek cover in a room made of solid construction (e.g. concrete, steel, etc.), stay away from doors and windows, and do not venture out to try and observe the conflict.
- Immediately convey the sense of danger/threat to those around you, if possible.

- Do not attempt to move to a vehicle, even if you feel it's safer, if you are already in a safe area. Remain there until security officials tell you that it is safe to move.

## **IF APPROACHING A NON-POLICE OR MILITARY BARRICADE OR ROADBLOCK**

- Turn your vehicle around as quickly and safely as possible and avoid the area and call the Police if you can.

The number one self-defence tool for keeping safe isn't pepper spray, a gun, karate, judo, alarm system, guard dog or muscle. It's **AWARENESS**.

Being constantly aware of your surroundings will help you from becoming complacent. Most people are robbed/held up/killed in familiar surroundings because they didn't see trouble coming and therefore had no time to react.

A proper response to various scenarios must be considered at all times. Be alert to surroundings and ready

to act immediately to a threat. Most people don't think about potential problems, so they are completely unprepared to cope.

Often it is a quick and aggressive response that's lifesaving, even if actions are not perfect.

If options are considered in advance, a surprise is less likely, allowing you to do something quickly to counter an attack.

Reacting quickly & confidently can change the outcome of an event drastically.

**REMEMBER, YOU ARE DRIVING A HEAVY PIECE OF MACHINERY.**

**YOUR VEHICLE IS A WEAPON, AND IF THE NEED ARISES USE IT AS A WEAPON.**