

# Safety Tips

## HOME AND MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY



### SAFETY AT HOME:

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- Burglar bars should be installed in conjunction with a burglar alarm system that is linked to a monitoring and armed response service.
- Reduce all heavy foliage near the garage entrance and front door to reduce the possibility of those spots being used as a hiding place. The front of the house should be visible to passers-by so that any burglar or suspicious activity can be noted.
- Set your alarm at all times, even whilst at home. It is also important to test your alarm at least once a month to ensure that the control room is receiving your signal.
- Don't leave your garage, front or back door open or partially open - it serves as an invitation to burglars.
- Ensure that perimeter doors are fitted with adequate locks. The front door should have a safety chain or safety latch and, if the door has no vision panel, then a door viewer. If keys to perimeter doors are mislaid, those locks should be replaced.
- Ensure all windows are fitted with adequate locks or burglar bars that cover all glass.
- Fit suitable "spacers", locks or bolts to all sliding doors to prevent them from being lifted off their tracks (the most common method used by burglars on sliding doors and windows).
- Consider installing exterior beams, as an early warning system to detect any would be intruders before they can access your home.

### SAFETY IN YOUR CAR:

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- Always lock your vehicle.
- Don't leave your keys in the ignition.
- Never leave items in view in your vehicle. Hide any valuables in the boot or the glove compartment. If something valuable can be seen from the outside, it may prompt a thief to break in.
- Use as many anti-theft devices as you need to make you feel safe, e.g. a steering wheel lock, locking wheel nuts, car alarm or immobiliser.
- Avoid driving down deserted roads. If you do break down in an isolated spot, put your bonnet up, get back inside the car and keep your doors locked. Wait for an emergency vehicle or roadside assistance to help you.
- Don't pick up hitch-hikers.

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