

SECURITY AND SAFETY SIG

Security and safety is the responsibility of everyone, whether you are the CEO of a major corporation or the tea boy, we all have a duty to ourselves, our families and colleagues to improve, or in some cases provide, levels of Security and Safety.

Gordon & Alan kindly made a presentation to all interested members recently.

The following is a shortlist of some of the points you may wish to consider or discuss with your colleagues:

Guidelines for Personal Security

Do not establish a pattern of personal behaviour that would enable your future movements to be predicted. i.e. Do not use the same ATM, Supermarket, route to work at the same time every day/week.

Do carry a mobile phone that would enable you to contact emergency numbers such as Police, Embassy Duty Officer, Company representative etc.

Dress sensibly in a manner that does not attract specific attention or cause offence to others

Whenever possible travel in groups of two or more.

When travelling in a vehicle.

If you think you are being followed, drive to the nearest Police Station, Compound or the DQ.

If possible try to take a note of the vehicle registration - See below for Arabic Characters. Note also the vehicle type, manufacture & colour.

If you are directly threatened remain calm and make sure that all doors & windows are secure. Switch on headlights, hazard warning lights and sound the horn to attract attention. If you are able to drive away, try not to exceed the speed limit and/or drive erratically which could result in an accident.

Be aware of other road users generally and try not to get boxed in at traffic lights or road junctions.

Guidelines for safer parking

Always lock the car, even if you are only away from it for a few minutes.

Park in a well lit area at night, preferably inside a compound or locked garage.

Avoid parking on soft ground or near to piles of rubbish. Avoid leaving valuables, parcels etc in view.

Get to know your car

Make sure you know what the underside of your car looks like, so that you will be able to quickly spot anything that should not be there.

Check your car when returning to it

Look carefully around the outside of the vehicle

Look through the windows

Check particularly around the wheelarches and behind the wheels

Look under the car paying particular attention to the area near the petrol tank

Check the bonnet, boot, doors and windows for any visible signs of tampering.

Check inside the car

Check each of the doors before opening them

Check the floor pan inside to front and rear

Check under the seats and inside any closed compartments

Open the bonnet and boot and examine all areas



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Traffic Accident: 997
Fire Service: 998
Police: 999
Duty Officer Mob: 055 499 640

STOP IMMEDIATELY

If you are suspicious about any unusual objects in around or attached to the car.

If there is any sign of loose wiring, string or tape.

If there is any visible sign of tampering with the vehicle

If the ground around the vehicle has been disturbed.

IN ANY OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES - MOVE AWAY FROM THE CAR - PREVENT OTHERS FROM APPROACHING THE CAR AND CALL THE POLICE - NOTIFY YOUR COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE AND THE DUTY OFFICER AT THE EMBASSY OF THE INCIDENT.

The chances are of course that you will never have cause for alarm. However do not get complacent and fall into the trap of "It will never happen to me" Please keep up your guard.

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