

SAFETY TIPS AT SHOPPING CENTRES AND MALLS



- Do not ask for help from strangers at ATMs.
- Do not display money in public.
- Do not ask for directions from a stranger; instead ask from law enforcement agents.
- Do not buy anything from a salesman at the door, outside the shop.
- Keep your personal belongings such as handbag and wallet safe.
- Always observe your surroundings, be at the right place at the right time.

SAFETY HINTS FOR VICTIMS

- Comply, remain calm and do not argue with crime perpetrators.
- Do not make sudden gestures.
- Avoid eye contact but try to remember how the perpetrator looks by identifying and remembering special features.
- Try to get away safely from the area as quickly as possible.
- Do not be a hero, your life is worth more than anything else.



IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

Call **Crime Stop 08600 10111**

In case of emergency, contact your local police station or call the **SAPS emergency number 10111**

Visit the **SAPS website** at www.saps.gov.za

Download the **MySAPS App** on the App Store or Google Play, or dial ***134*10111#** or scan the barcode below:



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CRIME PREVENTION TIPS



TIPS TO PREVENT TRIO CRIMES: HIJACKINGS, HOUSE AND BUSINESS ROBBERIES

HIJACKINGS

- Avoid being alone in a vehicle when travelling at night.
- Do not stop around hijacking spots or at any secluded area.
- Always be alert when driving. If you suspect that you are being followed by a suspicious vehicle, drive to the nearest police station or call the SAPS Emergency number 10111.
- Do not pick up hitchhikers, particularly when you drive alone.
- Avoid distractions such as being on your phone, drinking and driving.
- Increase caution at intersections – always keep a look out for people loitering around your car or for any sudden activity around your car.



HOUSE ROBBERIES

- Always be on the lookout for suspicious persons and vehicles.
- Enhance security through fitting access doors with security gates and install burglar bars on windows.
- Request neighbours to keep an eye when you go away for an extended period.
- Do not open gates and doors for strangers.
- Verify the details of anyone before you employ them and check authenticity of a contractor before you allow access to the premises.

BUSINESS ROBBERIES

- Do not keep too much money on the business premises.
- Be on the lookout for suspicious customers.
- Do not keep the shop open till late.
- Avoid being alone, especially at night.
- Business owners must not open for anyone after the business has closed.



SAFETY HINTS TO PREVENT CONTACT CRIMES

Excessive consumption of alcohol is the major cause of contact crimes such as common assault, assault with the intent to do Grievous Bodily Harm (GBH), rape, robbery and murder.

THE FOLLOWING ARE SAFETY TIPS TO PREVENT CONTACT CRIMES:

- Do not carry too much money when going to drinking places.
- Do not carry weapons when you attend social gatherings.
- Do not share a drink with someone you do not know.
- Avoid confrontation when under the influence of alcohol.
- Do not leave your drink unattended.

