

Please note the following communication from a community member.

**Please be wary about leaving your vehicle at Rivonia Motowash (or any carwash for that matter) with the keys.**

**My Land Rover was stolen by a syndicate - their modus operandi is to call the carwash posing as the owner, informing them that a driver will be sent to pick up the vehicle.**

**It's been over 24 hours and Tracker are still unable to locate the vehicle.**

**The Sandton CPF once again lists some of the security tips relative especially to motor vehicles . . . . .**

- **DO NOT SIMPLY WALK AWAY** from your car after pressing your 'remote' – **PHYSICALLY CHECK THAT YOUR VEHICLE IS LOCKED.** Jamming devices account for 80% of Theft out of Motor Vehicles
- **DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE 'CAR GUARDS' WILL GUARD YOUR CAR** – certain companies hide behind the legal excuse that they are 'trolley pushers' and not 'car guards'.
- **DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING** in full sight in your car – put your laptop, briefcase, handbag, sunglasses, coats, shopping, etc. in your boot, preferably not whilst in the area you intend to leave your car.
- **DO NOT DRIVE WITH YOUR DOORS UNLOCKED.**
- **DO NOT DRIVE WITH YOUR WINDOWS OPEN** – ensure they are closed before reaching an intersection.
- **DO NOT DRIVE WITH YOUR HANDBAG ON THE PASSENGER SEAT.**
- **DO NOT PARK IN THE STREET** – where possible pay the few cents extra and park in a parking facility.
- **DO NOT USE YOUR CELL PHONE WHILST DRIVING,** unless you have a proper hands free device. 66% of accidents occur through texting whilst driving. You are at risk of a Smash & Grab attack at intersections if you are holding your phone to your ear.
- **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR DRIVEWAY GATES OPEN.** Check that they are closed before you pull off.
  
- ❖ **Be aware of your surroundings at all times** – ensure you are not being followed. If in any doubt, **DO NOT ENTER YOUR DRIVEWAY.** Pass on by and go to the nearest safe area which could be the police station, a garage (cameras normally in the forecourt), your security-manned boom gate, etc.
  
- ❖ **Do not wear flashy jewellery.**
  
- ❖ **Do not withdraw large sums of money** – pay your staff via bank transfers which are safer for both yourself and your staff members. The banks offer many services in this regard which even lesser paid staff can enjoy.

**Community members simply have to become more aware and take responsibility for their own safety and that of their possessions!**

**TAKE CARE OUT THERE !!!**

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