
Be alert to what is developing one, two or more blocks ahead so that you will be able to take defensive action should you observe a road block or any type of obstruction that might endanger your safety.

On the road, day or night, be alert to attempts by persons to stop your car to rob the occupants. Robbers may position themselves on the pavement to block your route, or they may throw stones at the windshield to make you lose control of the car and crash.

Leave ample manoeuvring space between your vehicle and the one in front of you.

If you believe that you are being followed, change your route. Never lead the person back to your home or stop and get out. Drive to the nearest police officer or guarded area and call a colleague. Keep sounding your horn to draw attention to your plight. Identify safe havens in advance that you may wish to use en route should you feel threatened.

If you observe anyone who arouses your suspicion, notify the appropriate authorities and/or Mission Security Officer.

Do not let the level of gasoline in your tank drop below the half-full mark. Make certain that you always have more fuel than you require to return home, especially at night when many stations are closed, or in the country when you are not sure where service stations are located or whether they are any.

Don't pick up strangers and hitchhikers.

If you must go out at night, prepare for your return before leaving your residence. Turn on the lights in the garage and the outside approach light if the grounds are not lit up with floodlights.

Should you observe suspicious-looking persons near your residence, do not stop. Instead, drive to a telephone in a safe location and call the appropriate authorities and the Mission Security Officer.

When you return, have your entrance door key ready to unlock the door if there is no one inside to admit you. Do not loiter outside your residence.

8. FACED WITH A CARJACK

If you see at a distance a possible carjack (or security incident), take evasive action: usually this will mean doing a U-turn and finding another route. Do not accelerate into an area of danger.

If an armed carjacker has apparently focussed on your vehicle, the considerations are different: first and foremost, forget bravado. If you try to run down a carjacker, you are likely to end up getting shot. Mentally accept the loss of your vehicle.

At the approach of a carjacker, realize that he may well be hyped-up and nervous. Do nothing that will increase this behaviour.

Realize that you too will be hyped up by a surge of adrenalin/anger/fear. Disregard these bodily reactions: calmly give up your car or any valuables, including your wallet.