



PERSONAL SAFETY

PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND DRIVING

Public transport

- Become familiar with your regular transport timetable and check it to limit waiting time.
- Stand in well-lit areas near other people and sit with other passengers or close to the driver.
- Always keep a firm hold on your personal belongings.
- If you are travelling alone at night arrange to be met or collected at your stop.
- If the behaviour of someone is offensive or illegal, tell the driver and contact the police.
- Where possible, book a taxi over the phone as the driver's details will be recorded and take note of the driver's ID number that should be displayed on the front dash. Sit in the rear seat of the taxi or ride share vehicle.
- Be conscious of your surroundings. If you are concerned with the route being taken to your destination or if something doesn't feel right, ring a friend and tell them where you are and the taxi or registration plate number.
- If you feel uncomfortable or in fear for your safety direct the driver to stop, leave the vehicle and seek assistance.
- Decline offers to share a fare with a stranger.

Driving

- At night, park your car in a well-lit area and keep your car windows up and doors locked.
- Have your keys or remote entry ready before approaching your car.
- If you are concerned about your safety when returning to your car, ask a person you trust to walk with you.
- Avoid placing bags and wallets on the passenger seat where they could be easily grabbed.
- Do not respond to aggressive behaviour from other drivers. Avoid eye contact and concentrate on the road and never pick up hitchhikers.
- If you think you are being followed, drive to a police station or a populated area. Don't drive to your home address.
- Make sure you have enough fuel to reach your destination and your car is serviced regularly to avoid breakdowns.
- If your car should break down in an isolated area, activate the hazard lights, sit inside the car with the windows rolled up, the doors locked and call for assistance. Never go with strangers and stay with your car.

If you have any questions please contact your nearest police station or visit www.police.sa.gov.au



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