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## Car jacking



Car jacking is a violent form of motor theft. Criminals will surprise a driver, usually threatening them with a gun or a knife, and force them to surrender their vehicle.

It is a popular crime because robbers can steal a vehicle – in an undamaged state – and rob the owner at the same time. It also enables criminals to steal a car without having to get around sophisticated alarm and anti-theft systems.

Sometimes the car owner and/or passengers are kidnapped during a car jacking and dropped off nearby unharmed. The worst case scenario is when they are driven to a secondary crime scene, which is usually more dangerous and they may be assaulted, raped or even killed.

Most car jackings take place in major cities. They tend to happen in busy areas where lots of cars are parked – such as shopping centres, petrol stations and car parks – when the driver is getting into or out of their car. Some car jackers will target victims at a traffic light, opening the driver's door and forcing them to get out.

A typical move used by car jackers is to bump a car from behind to get the driver to pull over and stop.

When you get out to exchange information, the car jacker then steals your vehicle and drives away.

Car jackers tend to rob lone victims, and men are targeted more often than women.

Specialists are available to talk you through this booklet and provide any additional information that you require.

Get in touch on

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to arrange a telephone appointment.

## Protecting yourself

Protecting yourself from a car jacking largely depends on being vigilant and aware of what is going on around you.

You should:

- Always park in well lit areas. Do not park in isolated areas or areas where there is not a clear view of your car.
- Be very alert regarding people sitting in their cars or loitering nearby.
- Ask for a security escort to your car, if available.
- Trust your instincts. If you are suspicious about something, run to a busy place nearby.
- Check all around the car and inside it before you get in.
- Get into the car quickly and lock the doors, then start it and drive away immediately.
- Always drive with your doors locked and windows closed.
- Be suspicious if you are in a minor collision – especially involving young men.
- Not put up any resistance to being robbed, if you are confronted.
- Call the police immediately after a car jacking.

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