

# PROJECT: VEHICLE HIJACKING

Vehicle hijacking, often referred to as carjacking, is a significant concern in South Africa.

It is essential to have information regarding this issue to understand the context and take the necessary precautions.

South Africans are so conditioned to this type of crime that we are just relieved if we have not been taken forcefully along with the vehicle.

It is critical to be aware of the various dangers of car hijacking and how to keep yourself safe.

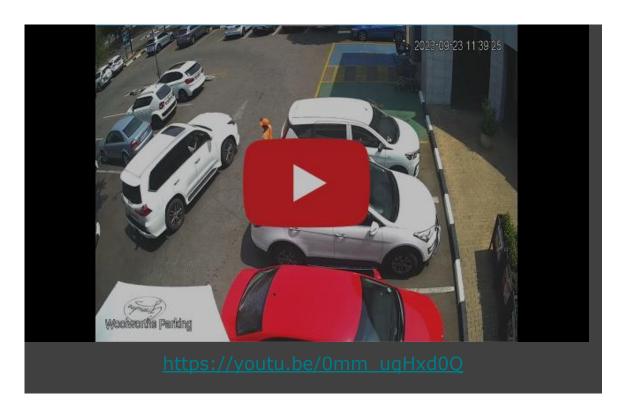
#### **REAL INCIDENT:**

- The video footage below was recorded on 23 September 2023, from 11:38 to 14:44.
- The video involves three vehicles:
  - Lexus JGC 529 MP.
  - Hyundai JH 36 VY GP.
  - Toyota KX 55 KX GP.
- It clearly shows that the Lexus comes into the video frame at 11:38.
- It drives around the circle to enter the street.
- At 11:39, the same vehicle makes another turn, enters the parking area and parks at 11:40.
- The video footage shows that the Lexus is still parked in the same spot.
- A white Hyundai is parked on the left side of the Lexus.
- A person is seen walking towards the Hyundai while speaking on his cell phone at 14:41.
- At the same time, a second suspicious vehicle, a white Toyota, enters the street and turns into the parking area.
- The Hyundai pulls out of the parking spot, as the Toyota pulls into the same parking spot on the left side of the Lexus.
- The video footage shows that the person in the Hyundai is seen calling the parking security attendants and appears to be distracting the attendant at 14:42.
- At 14:43, the backlights of the Lexus switch on, indicating that the vehicle has been started.
- The most common way to steal a keyless car is a method called relay hack.
- This technique involves picking up on the transmitted signal of your key and then diffusing it to the relay box being held by the second companion, who is positioned closer to the car.
- The Hyundai pulls away, and the security attendant walks towards the Lexus as it starts to pull out of the parking spot.
- The Toyota pulls out of the parking spot first and appears to drive out of the parking area.
- The security attendant appears to realise what had happened when he identified the driver as being someone different than the person who parked the Lexus as he engages with the suspect in the driver's seat of the Lexus and is seen making hand gestures to his fellow colleagues as the vehicle drives out of the parking area and drives off.





In this incident, only the Lexus was taken.



Note how professionally and effectively these criminals go about their business.

Safeguarding vehicles against carjackings requires a combination of preventive measures, security systems, and situational awareness.

Here are some strategies to help protect your vehicle:

- Choose Safe Parking Locations:
  - o Park in well-lit, busy areas whenever possible.
  - Use secure parking facilities with surveillance and security personnel.
  - Avoid parking in isolated or poorly monitored areas, especially at night.
- Install Vehicle Security Systems:
  - Invest in a high-quality car alarm system with motion sensors and a loud siren.
  - Consider installing a GPS tracking system to locate your vehicle if it's stolen.
  - Install an immobilizer system that prevents the engine from starting without the proper key or key fob.
- Use Physical Security Devices:
  - Install steering wheel locks, wheel clamps, or gearshift locks to deter thieves.
  - Consider installing a kill switch to disable the vehicle's electrical system.
  - Use a secure locking gas cap to prevent fuel theft.
- Key Security:
  - Keep your car keys secure and avoid leaving them in the vehicle.
  - Be cautious about who has access to your spare key. Keep it in a secure location.
  - Use signal-blocking key pouches or cases to protect keyless entry systems from relay attacks.
- Be Cautious When Exiting and Entering Your Vehicle:
  - Stay vigilant and aware of your surroundings, especially in unfamiliar or high-crime areas.
  - Lock your doors immediately upon entering your vehicle and keep the windows up.
  - Avoid sitting in your car with the engine running, especially in high-risk areas.
- Use Valet Parking Services Wisely:
  - When using valet parking, only give the valet the key to the vehicle and not any personal key sets.
  - Check the valet service's reputation and security measures.
- Secure Your Home:
  - Ensure your home is secure, as carjackers sometimes target individuals as they arrive or leave their residences.
     Use outdoor lighting and security cameras.

- Travel in Groups:
  - When possible, travel with others, especially during nighttime hours.
  - There's safety in numbers, and criminals are less likely to target groups of people.
- · Stay Informed:
  - Stay updated on local crime trends and areas with a higher risk of carjackings.
  - Monitor news and community alerts for safety information.
- Training and Self-Defense:
  - Consider taking self-defence and situational awareness training.

If confronted by a carjacker, prioritise your safety and cooperate. Report the incident to law enforcement.

Ensure your insurance policy covers carjacking and theft.
Review your coverage regularly.

Familiarise yourself with self-defense laws in your area so you know your rights and responsibilities if faced with a carjacking situation.

No security measure is foolproof, but a combination of strategies may significantly reduce the risk of carjacking.

Being proactive and vigilant is the key to protecting your person and belongings.

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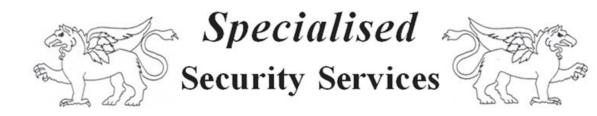
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