



PROJECT:
THE INCREASE
OF ROAD SPIKING
ACROSS
SOUTH AFRICA



- Incidents where criminals throw spikes across a road to immobilise vehicles are increasing at an alarming rate.
- This is done in an attempt by the criminals to rob the occupants of their valuables/vehicles.
- The car driver is forced to stop, giving the criminals the time and opportunity to strike and escape with their loot.
- A spike strip, spike belts, traffic spikes, tyre shredders, stingers, and stop sticks, are only a few examples criminals use.
- A stinger is also known as a tyre deflation device used to impede or stop the movement of wheeled vehicles by puncturing their tyres.
- Similar items are also placed in plastic bags or disguised by rags or vegetation.
- Criminals place it in plastic containers as well.
- They even go to the extent of placing large boulders in the road and hanging dangerous objects from bridges.
- Motorists must be extra vigilant when travelling at night as this is an opportune time for criminals to strike when visibility is limited.
- Due to the low visibility and high speeds motorists drive on South African highways, it is difficult to distinguish the dangerous objects before it is too late.
- Desolate rural roads also create hazardous situations for drivers.

WAYS TO REDUCE THE RISK:

- Avoid driving over anything on the road, including plastic bags.
- When passing under a bridge, change lanes just before you pass underneath it.
- Reduce speed to increase your chances of seeing obstacles on the road.
- Concrete lintels are being used as well.
 - If you cannot avoid them any other way, slow down and carefully drive over them.
- If the circumstances allow, travel straddling two lanes may help you miss spikes being placed in the lane.
- If another vehicle is present, drive six seconds or more behind so their driving can alert you if anything is amiss.
- When you see something suspicious ahead and if the highway is quiet enough and safety allows for it, drive across the island (if possible) and travel in the opposite direction.
- If you spot an obstacle before you reach it, move into the emergency lane or onto the grass if that highway section allows it.

- Stick to the speed limit and slow down in areas known for spike and rock-throwing incidents.
 - This could give you enough time to spot the object on the road and safely avoid the danger.
 - If you drive over a spike or other damaging object remain calm and avoid stopping if possible.
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- If the unfortunate happens and you do hit a spike, reduce your speed to approximately 30-40km/h and continue driving to the nearest place of safety instead of stopping immediately.
 - At all costs, do not get out of your car.
 - Rather drive your tires to the rim in order to get to the closest police station.
 - It is vitally important that you do not panic or engage with the criminals as this can put your life at risk.
 - If you managed to safely move past the spikes, contact authorities immediately to prevent any other motorists from falling victim to the criminals.
 - It is critical to identify the high-risk roads in your area/province.
 - This information is generally published in each area.
 - Always ensure that your cell phone is fully charged and its live location is on at all times, especially if you drive alone.

*Stay awake and vigilant for your
own safety and the
safety of your passengers.*

NEWS ARTICLES:

- <https://www.thesouthafrican.com/news/warning-avoid-these-spiking-and-rock-hotspots-in-gauteng-brekaing-news-26-december-2023/>
- <https://www.enca.com/top-stories/concern-over-rise-car-spiking-incidents-mpumalanga>
- <https://www.citizen.co.za/news/south-africa/local-news/tyres-deflate-criminals-lie-in-wait-to-rob-spiked-cars-from-or-tambo/>
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