



Autumn has arrived, and with it comes later sunrises and early sunsets. 24/7 Security Services encourages everybody to pay special attention to their personal safety - the reduced daylight, coupled with the ongoing load shedding, provides criminals with ample opportunities to commit crimes.



## ON THE ROAD

- Before you head out, make sure that your headlights are working, and ensure that you have them aimed correctly. Headlights pointed too far down or too far up may reduce your ability to see the road ahead.
- Before you start driving, buckle up and lock your car doors. If you are heading out to an unknown destination, make sure you put the destination in your GPS or navigation App before you start driving. The more focused you can be on the road, the better your safety.
- Whether driving during the day or at night, following the rules of the road is crucial to your safety and that of fellow road users:
  - Increase your following distance. At night your visibility is limited - keep a safe following distance to allow yourself more time to react should something happen.
  - When approaching traffic lights at an intersection, make sure you are aware of what is happening as you approach. Many night drivers are scared on the road and may jump the light. Even if your robot is green, make sure you check both sides before crossing.
  - If you can see the robot changing to red long before you approach, try to tap off your accelerator and let your car come to a stop slowly. Racing up to the red robot, slamming on breaks and then sitting for a few minutes puts your safety at risk.
  - Don't use your cell phone while driving. You will be distracted, but it also tells other people that you're not paying attention. If a would-be smash-and-grabber is waiting for his next target at a robot, the blue light emitted from your phone while you are texting lets criminals know that you are not paying attention and you would be an easy victim.



## AT HOME

- Lock doors, switch lights on and activate beams the moment it starts getting dark.
- Ensure that garages and garden shed doors are locked at night.
- Criminals don't want to be seen – motion detection lights are suitable for lighting up dark outdoor areas.
- Ensure that your driveway is well lit and clear of shrubbery where criminals can hide.
- Keep flashlights and extra batteries in your home and car in case of an emergency.
- Test your electric fence and panic alarms regularly.



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