



Safety At Petrol Stations

24/7 Security Services is concerned about the significant surge in incidents and crimes at petrol stations.

For many people, a petrol station is a place where they can stop if they need to rest during a long trip or grab a quick bite to eat while filling up their vehicle's petrol tank. Petrol stations have given consumers a false sense of comfort and safety because they're familiar places that everybody can identify with. They are open 24/7 and you are always guaranteed to find people there. However, it is important not to let your guard down when visiting one.



There is a growing trend of petrol stations being used as hotspots for hijacking or robberies as criminals target cash, ATMs, customers' vehicles, and cell phones.

It's crucial to remember that criminals often strike when you least expect it, and petrol stations are no exception. Despite the familiar and seemingly safe environment, it's essential to maintain constant vigilance, especially after a long trip.

Staying safe at a petrol station:

- When you approach a petrol station, and something looks suspicious, rather drive off.
- Doors and passenger windows must be closed at all times, and the boot must be locked. Leaving passenger doors unlocked is an invitation to steal goods lying loose or to hijack a vehicle.
- Ensure you are aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Act in a way that you would if you know you are being watched because you are probably being watched.
- Do not use your cell phone while filling up; this distracts you from being aware of your surroundings. It also makes you a target for cell phone snatchers.
- Do not get out of your vehicle, leaving your keys in the ignition. The petrol caps on most vehicles can be opened without the key, and motorists tend to relax and leave the key in the ignition.
- Do not leave your doors unlocked when you go inside a convenience store, no matter how safe it may seem.
- Remember that even after you have left the fuel station you should remain vigilant as you could still be a target. Criminals might still follow you home from the petrol station and rob you.



It is important for motorists to understand that most petrol stations are not always equipped to manage risk, and petrol attendants are unarmed.

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