



There has been a marked increase in crime over the last few weeks. 24/7 Security Services has seen a rise in the number of vehicle hijackings, and we urge clients to be aware of this trend.

Types of hijackings:

Transport Hijacking - The vehicle is taken for the express purpose of using it as transport during other crimes such as drug dealing, burglaries, bank robberies and gun running.

Operational Hijacking - A group formally work together in a more structured way. They usually have experience in car theft and have established contacts within the motorcar underworld that will receive and pay cash for stolen vehicles or spare parts.

Syndicate Hijacking - The most organised of all and often have international connections. A network of hijacking groups is established with

the overall coordinator, syndicating out work so that he remains out of view in the same way as the drug baron uses pushers.

While most hijackings take place in the driveways of residential areas with accessible escape routes, these crimes are also committed at:

- **Traffic lights and intersections**
- **Schools – during drop-offs and pick-ups**
- **Petrol stations, shopping malls, businesses, recreation areas**

SAFETY TIPS

- Check your driveway and street before you leave or enter your premises.
- Make sure your driveway is well lit and clear from shrubbery where criminals can hide.
- Be aware of unknown pedestrians close to your residential address – if you do spot them, do not turn into your driveway.
- Be alert if your animals do not greet you at the gate as usual – somebody may be inside your property.
- When returning home after dark, ensure that an outside light is on, or have someone meet you at the gate.
- If at any time you have to open the gate yourself, make sure nobody suspicious is around and the road is clear. If you have small children in the vehicle, take the key with you. You need the key as a negotiating tool - the hijackers want your vehicle, and you want your children.

- If approached by a stranger while in your vehicle, drive off if possible or use your hooter to attract attention.
- If you suspect you are being followed, drive to the nearest police station or any busy public area.
- If you encounter obstacles in the road, e.g. rocks, tyres, do not get out of your vehicle to remove them. Reverse and drive away in the opposite direction.
- Always follow the 5-Minute Rule.

The 5-Minute Rule

Always keep the following top of mind when approaching your destination.

Five minutes from home:

- Transform into an alert state and become aware of your surroundings
- Get off your cell phone
- Turn down car radio/music
- Open the front drivers and passenger window to about 3cm from the top
- Start listening to all external sounds and be alert to any abnormal noises
- Use all three mirrors – left-hand side mirror, right-hand side mirror and rear-view mirror
- Become alert to what vehicles or people are around your vehicle
- Ask any kids to quieten and calm down
- Request any adult passengers to assist with observation
- Slow down
- Keep the vehicle in the direction of the road, parallel to the point of entry



Be alert to the following:

- Suspicious people
- Suspicious vehicles
- Suspicious activity
- Suspicious objects

Indicators not to enter your place of entry:

- Unknown people loitering around
- Unknown vehicle/s parked in the road
- Security officer does not give the all clear signal
- Unusual activity – emergency vehicles, responders etc.

Remember that your life is worth more than your vehicle!

National Lockdown Level 3.1

- Fever Screening Solutions -

With the further opening of the economy under Level 3.1, as announced by the President, businesses need to ensure that they adhere to COVID-19 protocols. [Read the President's speech here.](#)

Businesses and schools are required to fever screen all staff, visitors and learners visiting their premises. 24/7 Security Services has a number of tried and tested solutions available. We have implemented several systems and we can help you with a customised solution.



This handheld thermal scanner is portable, measures temperatures, and records images directly to a micro SD card - eliminating the manual recording of information. This user-friendly and cost-effective scanner can be implemented at short notice.

We have short-term rental options available. Contact Frik Hanekom for more information and costs:

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For medium and large sites - such as schools, retail, commercial and warehousing - thermal imaging is the best solution. The system can be provided as a stand-alone device, or it can link to existing infrastructure.

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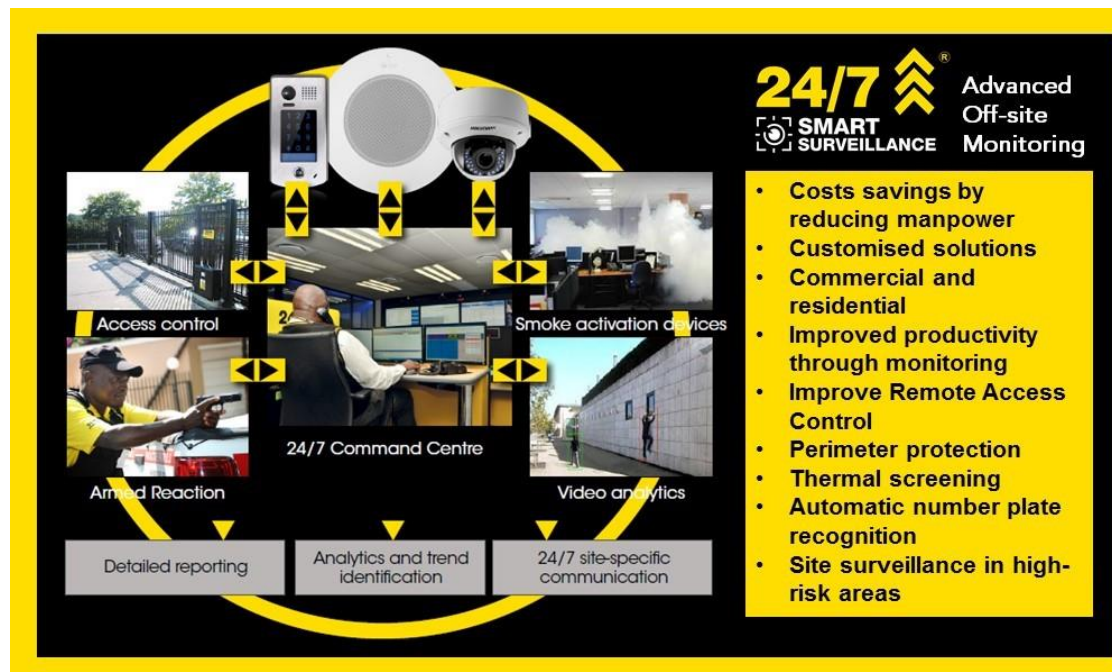
24/7 Smart Surveillance

There has been a marked increase in crime over the last few weeks with the easing of the national lockdown. 24/7 Security Services encourages everybody to assess their current security systems.

Through advanced AI technology, 24/7 Smart Surveillance offers an off-site CCTV monitoring system specifically engineered for the protection of premises remotely. The system reduces the cost of manpower required to guard premises and assets.

COVID-19 has created numerous challenges for managing a large number of people on a site. 24/7 Smart Surveillance alleviates this challenge.

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