

PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS: DRIVING

Even when you've got the protection of a vehicle, there are still things you can do to protect your personal safety.

IN THE CAR:

Have enough fuel – try to keep at least a quarter of a tank (or charge if you have an electric car)

Have a charging cable – while driving, you can use your vehicle to give devices some extra battery life

Store a power bank – a portable charger is a handy accessory, just remember to charge it regularly so you don't lose your backup power source

Stow cash – having cash is always sensible so try to keep £20 in a hidden compartment in case of emergency



Have your keys ready – before reaching your vehicle, have your keys in your hand so you don't have to linger outside

Check the back seat – before getting behind the wheel make sure no one is stowed away in the back

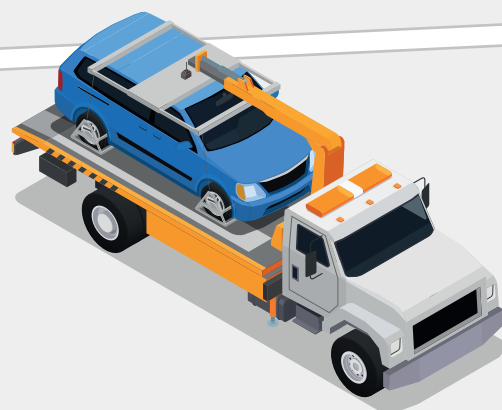


BEFORE DRIVING:

WHILE DRIVING:

If you break down remain in your vehicle – if the conditions are safe, keep the doors locked and your hazard warning lights on until help arrives. If you have a mobile phone with signal, ring a friend or family member to tell them what has happened and where you are

Drive somewhere public if you think you're being followed – preferably somewhere with security such as a police station or even a supermarket



ARRIVING AT YOUR DESTINATION:

Park sensibly – try to find well-lit areas and somewhere you won't get blocked in. If possible, park where you can still see your vehicle

Reverse in to bays – you're then facing the right way if you need to leave quickly

Lock the doors – check that the doors are locked before leaving the vehicle

