



FOR PSA MEMBERS: **NORTH WEST, MPUMALANGA, AND NORTHERN CAPE**

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Member safety alert: Car-remote jamming awareness

Mpumalanga, North West, and the Northern Cape face increased reports of car-remote jamming. Criminals target parking areas used by public servants. The purpose of this alert is to provide members with information and steps to protect themselves. Incidents have increased near malls, hospitals, government offices, and fuel stations. Criminals block the remote signal when a card is being locked. The vehicle thus remains unlocked, and belongings are stolen. Members have reported losses of bags, laptops, and work files.

How remote jamming works

Criminals use a small device to interrupt the lock signal. When the lock button is pushed, the car does not lock. Once you have left, the criminals quickly remove items and avoid attention. The problem is only noticed when you return to the car.

How you protect yourself

- Check the car's door handle after locking.
- Watch for lights or mirrors that fail to respond.
- Move to a different parking spot if someone stands close whilst you lock.
- Keep valuables out of sight.
- Store work documents in the boot.
- Inform security if you detect suspicious behaviour.

High-risk areas

- Parking lots outside government buildings
- Shopping centers
- Fuel stations
- Hospitals and clinics
- Isolated areas with low security presence

What to do after an incident

- Report the incident to the police.
- Inform your supervisor if work property or documents were taken.
- Alert PSA structures so patterns can be tracked.

- Ask site security for safer parking support.

Your awareness protects you and your colleagues. Share this alert widely. Stay alert when parking and locking your vehicle.

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