

## **Commuting Safety**

Some tips for commuting in cities like Bangalore.

1. Keep your headlight on high beam to see far into the night
2. lock all the doors on your car, roll the windows up and NEVER open them till you reach home. Do not switch off your engine at signals, if you do then make sure you lock the door when it pops open as you switch it off (effects of central locking). This is to protect yourself from chilly spray.
3. If you use a 2 wheeler, keep all your jewelery out of sight. Now you have to wear a helmet in Bangalore but continue to wear one even if the rule is removed. Get a helmet with a clear vizier and keep the vizier down at all times. This will protect you from chilly spray
4. STOP FOR NOBODY
5. Be extra vigilant at signals
6. carry your laptops in a back pack or a bag that does not look like a standard laptop bag
7. Be extra careful if you are a foreign national, do not be too polite or friendly with strangers
9. Carry a whistle and blow it if you are waylaid. It will make you sound like a cop.(available at all sports shops)
10. Do not drink and drive; use a hands free device for your phone
11. If people try to flag you down, put your vehicle on first gear and drive through them. They will jump out.
12. If a car is blocking the road it is better to take an alternative route or turn back as soon as you see the road block
13. if someone is trying to overtake you with the intention of stopping you call 100 immediately from your cell phone and report your exact location. Keep a sign in your car that says "I HAVE CALLED THE POLICE" and show it to them. The sign should be in both English and Kannada
14. Always call a family member when you leave office and tell them how long you will take. This is especially useful if you are commuting in an auto or a cab. You can also tell them the driver's name and vehicle number
15. Remove your company badge. Do not have company stickers on your vehicle.