

SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS ARE EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS



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Your Partners for Safe Neighborhoods*

DON'T BE A VICTIM

Protect Yourself and Always:

- Walk, ride or jog with a partner.
- Avoid dark isolated places – don't walk or park there.
- Be alert, look around.
- Keep at least one hand free – don't carry bulky purses or packages.
- When you are alone, avoid wearing headphones or talking on your cell phone. In particular, do not carry cell phones or other electronic equipment in sight when walking or on public transportation.
- Late at night, have someone meet you at the bus stop or train station. Have the taxi driver watch while you enter your home.
- On public transportation, try to use the busiest, best-lit stop possible both to get on and off the bus or train. When waiting for a train, stay close to other people in the most well-lit area of the station. When on the train or bus, sit near the driver or operator.
- After dark, tell family and friends when to expect you and how you will be traveling.
- When at a bar, never lose sight of your drink.
- Have your house and car keys out and ready to use.
- Follow your instincts – if you feel threatened go to the nearest open store or business. Call 911 immediately.

Remember:

- There is safety in numbers.
- Ignoring your instincts is not worth the risk.
- Don't be afraid or too shy to ask for someone to walk you to your car or home.
- Adopt a frame of mind that allows you to recognize and avoid potential threats on the street.

If you feel threatened, call 911 immediately.

You have the power – the community is in your strength.

For more information, call 311 to reach your Community Policing Office.

