

BE PROACTIVE!!!

- ◆ Make your neighborhood and workplace safer by reporting broken street light, cleaning up area parks and vacant lots, and lobbying local government for better lighting in public places.
- ◆ Join a Neighborhood Watch to better look out for each other and help the Sheriff's Office reduce crime in your area.
- ◆ Help a friend or co-worker who has been a victim of crime. Cook a meal, babysit, find the phone number for victim services or a crisis hotline. Listen, sympathize and don't blame.
- ◆ Look at the root causes for crime in your area. Work for better drug treatment services and crime and drug abuse prevention education. Explore recreational and employment possibilities for young people in your community.



- ◆ Avoid parking in isolated areas. Be especially alert in empty lots and underground parking garages.
- ◆ If you believe someone following you don't drive home. Instead, find an open business with people or the nearest police station.
- ◆ Don't ever pick up hitchhikers!

ON BUSES OR LIGHT RAIL

- ◆ Use only well-lighted, busy stops.
- ◆ Stay alert! Don't daydream or doze.
- ◆ If someone is harassing or bothering you, don't be shy. Loudly say, "Leave me alone!" If that doesn't work, call someone you know on your cell phone or call the police.
- ◆ Watch who gets on and off the bus/train with you. If you feel uneasy, walk directly toward other people.

IF SOMEONE TRIES TO ROB YOU...

- ◆ Don't resist. Give up your property-don't give up your life!
- ◆ Report the crime to the Sheriff's Office. Try to describe the attacker accurately. Your actions can help prevent others from becoming a victim.



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IT'S COMMON SENSE!

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TEST YOUR "STREET SMARTS" IQ

DO YOU:

- ♦ *Jog or walk by yourself early in the morning or late at night when the streets are quiet and deserted?*
- ♦ *Stuff your purse with cash, keys, credit cards, checkbook etc. and then leave it wide open on a counter, a desk at work, or the floor? Do you put your wallet in a jacket, which you then throw over a chair at work?*
- ♦ *Let your mind wander, thinking about your job or all the things you have to do-while walking or driving?*
- ♦ *Think it's a waste of time to lock your car when you run into the convenience store or are gone for just a minute?*

If you answered "yes" to any question, you should look at changing your habits. Even if you answered "no" and made a perfect score, read on. Spend a few minutes now to prevent trouble later.

BASIC STREET SENSE

- ♦ Wherever you are-on the street, in an office building or shopping mall, driving, waiting for the bus or light rail-stay alert and tuned in to your surroundings.
- ♦ Send the message that you're calm, confident, and know where you are going.
- ♦ Trust your instincts. If something or someone makes you feel uneasy, avoid the person or leave the area.
- ♦ Know the neighborhoods where you live and work. Check out the locations of police and fire stations. Know where hospitals and stores are that stay open late. Carry a cell phone with you at all times.

ON FOOT-DAY AND NIGHT

- ♦ Stick to well-lighted and well-traveled streets. Avoid shortcuts through wooded areas, parking lots or alleys.
- ♦ Don't flash large amounts of cash or other tempting targets such as expensive jewelry or clothing.



- ♦ Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket, rather than a back pocket.
- ♦ Try to use automated teller machines in the daytime, rather than at night. Have your card in hand and don't approach the machine if you are uneasy about people nearby.
- ♦ Don't wear shoes or clothes that restrict your movements.
- ♦ Have your key in hand when approaching your home, car or office.
- ♦ If you think someone is following you, changes directions and go to a business with lots of people. Don't be afraid the yell for help!
- ♦ Have to work late? Make sure there are others in the building and ask someone you know to walk out with you when you leave.

ON WHEELS

- ♦ Keep your car in good operating condition. Make sure there is enough gas to get you there and back.
- ♦ Always roll up the windows and lock car doors. Check inside before getting inside.