



PROTECTIVE SERVICES

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“STREET CRIME” SAFETY TIPS

“ALWAYS BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS”

OUTSIDE

- When walking alone, be alert and aware, even suspicious.
- At night, walk in well-lighted areas and use the most direct route.
- Walk near buildings or businesses that are occupied.
- Be aware of cars that pass you more than once.
- Do not walk the same route each time.
- If you feel you are followed, walk to the nearest store or police station. Do not go to your residence.
- Use great care when accessing a wallet or purse in public; you may have an audience.
- IF CONFRONTED, THE DECISION TO RESIST OR TO SUBMIT IS A PERSONAL CHOICE WHICH MUST BE MADE BY THE INDIVIDUAL BASED UPON THE CIRCUMSTANCES. REMEMBER, NO AMOUNT OF PROPERTY IS WORTH YOUR LIFE.

DRIVING

- Know the neighborhood you are in.
- At controlled intersections, do not pull up immediately behind the vehicle in front of yours. The vehicle behind you may block you in.
- Keep doors locked and windows up.
- Keep your vehicle in good operational order.
- If you break down, remain in the locked vehicle, and ask a passer-by to contact the police.
- DO NOT HITCH HIKE OR pick up hitch hikers.
- If followed, drive to a 24-hour convenience store or the nearest police station.

PARKING LOTS AND STRUCTURES

- Have your keys in your hand prior to approaching your car.
- Check the seat areas for uninvited guests prior to entry.
- Once inside, lock all doors immediately.
- Park in well lighted areas.
- Ask for an escort in parking facilities that provide them.