

Report suspicious and criminal behavior immediately by calling 911, or anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers at 800-494-TIPS or texting TIP to CRIME (27463).



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Safe Walking Tips

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Safe Walk- SAFETY TIPS

When possible avoid walking alone, especially at night. Your vulnerability to street crime is reduced as much as 70 percent by simply being in a group.

Before exiting the train station, put your keys in your hand or keep them in your pocket.

Keep a safety whistle on your key chain to scare away a potential criminal and summon help.

Carry a cell phone. This is the fastest way to get help in an emergency.

Walk with confidence, be aware of you surroundings and avoid bushes and poorly lit areas.

If walking alone, walk in the street as opposed to the sidewalk, or walk as close as possible to the curb.

If you are forced into a physical confrontation, remember blow your whistle, scream or do whatever is necessary to draw attention to yourself. Scream "Fire," "Help."

If you are being followed, stay in a well lit area, seek safety in a public place and call 911 for help. Give the operator your location quickly so they can help you as fast as possible.

Carry a little flashlight to use when walking in dark places.

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<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Avoid dark alleys, short cuts and vacant lots, particularly at night.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Don't wear headphones or talk on your cell phone when walking or jogging alone.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Use a purse with a zipper or a flap that fastens, and carry it close to your body on inside your jacket.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Trust your instincts.** If you see someone that makes you uncomfortable, try to walk away and get help or call the police. If you are unable to run, consider walking up a nearby set of steps, and repeatedly ringing the doorbell, regardless of the time of night. The residents can call the police for you, and the person following you will likely run away.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Always report suspicious people and any crimes by calling the police at 911. No call is too small.**

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